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Khaled supports inter-Arab charter

BAGHDAD, Feb. 15 (R) — Saudi Arabia has expressed support for Iraq's proposed charter governing inter-Arab relations, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported.

The agency said support for the eight-point charter was contained in a message from King Khaled received this week by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

The charter, announced by President Hussein last week, renounced the use of force to receive inter-Arab disputes and opposed the presence of foreign troops or military bases on Arab soil.

INA quoted the King's message as saying the charter's declared principles were "in harmony with the policy of strengthening the Arab and Islamic stand and consolidating security and stability in the Arab homeland."

At least three other Arab states have so far expressed support for the proposed charter, Jordan, Kuwait and Morocco.

In the spirit of this charter, Saudi information minister Muhammad Abdo Yamani stated Thursday Saudi Arabia "does not have and will never allow foreign military bases on its soil."

In an interview with the Qatari daily *Al Rayia*, Yamani added he regretted news reports quoting U.S. defense Secretary Harold Brown as saying Saudi Arabia had agreed to allow the United States to store military supplies in Saudi Arabia.

The Qatari newspaper quoted Yamani as saying that these statements made in the U.S. or elsewhere were false.

"The Kingdom has repeatedly said that it will never allow the establishment of military bases because it does not believe in alliances," he said.

"We are capable of defending ourselves. We don't need anyone to defend our region," he said.

Yamani said he wanted other countries to stop expressing fears about Gulf security. "We do not want any intervention in our affairs which might make the region a hotbed for international conflict," he said.

He described Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan as "a horrible crime" and said it was of concern to the Arabs and the Gulf because Afghanistan was a Muslim country and the Soviet Union was now close to Gulf borders.

Yamani said, "we will never stop protesting against this aggression against the Afghan people and will continue to help them to regain their rights and to defend themselves and their country."

Boycotted in 1948

Marks & Spencer, Egypt discuss business deals

CAIRO, Feb. 15 (AP) — Two British firms, boycotted by the Arabs for their involvement with Israel, are negotiating business deals with Egypt after it dropped the sanctions as part of the peace treaty with the Zionist state.

The companies according to Egyptian and British economists are Marks and Spencer's and Cadbury-Schweppes.

"We are in serious negotiations with Marks and Spencer's," Minister of Economic Cooperation Gamal Nazer told a reporter. "The results are promising. But be declined to give details of the talks."

He said the firm is seeking to set up an office to export fruit and vegetables to England for sale in its super market chains, and planned later on to invest in the textile manufacturing and set up shop.

The company was one of the first to be placed on the blacklist by the Arab Boycott of Israel bureau in 1948.

The Egyptian parliament passed a law earlier this month lifting the boycott as part of the normalization process stipulated by the Egyptian-Israeli peace accords.

Marks and Spencer's was blacklisted because its chairman, Lord Marcus Sieff is a prominent Zionist. He and his family are the principal shareholders of the firm.

The firm is reported to be sounding Egyptian authorities for setting up a bottling plant in Egypt.

The Arab Boycott bureau formalized its charter in the mid 1950s to boycott any firm which dealt with Israel or had Israeli shareholders. The boycott was an Arab effort to strangle the Israeli economy on the grounds these companies directly or indirectly helped the Israeli economy and subsequently the war machinery against the Arabs.

U.S. intelligence reports

Kabul regime 'weakens'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (R) — The State Department said that the Kabul government's control over major Afghan cities has deteriorated seriously and the Soviet troops now in the country are inadequate to restore the administration's authority.

Quoting intelligence reports Thursday U.S. officials said the city of Kabul itself lacked a functioning police force, and Soviet troops were looting shops and homes. Rebel forces were operating freely on the outskirts of the capital, they added.

The security situation in Jalalabad and

Iraq links U.S. ties to Palestine issue

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 — Official Iraqi sources here said Friday their country would be willing to resume diplomatic relations with the United States if the Carter administration would commit itself to solving the Palestinian problem.

The sources were commenting on a report earlier this week in *Arab News* that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein would be visiting the U.S. some time this year to mark the restoration of formal diplomatic ties between the two countries, broken off during the 1967 war.

The sources would not confirm or deny the report, but one official admitted: "The story is in the air."

Qandahar also seems to have deteriorated seriously, officials said.

Additional Soviet armored units had been deployed to Jalalabad where artillery fire could be heard day and night, they said.

The rebels were even reported to be operating a checkpoint on the Jalalabad-Kabul road.

A ranking State Department official said the present situation indicated that the Soviet Union did not have nearly enough forces in Afghanistan to restore control.

The official said a further troop build-up was prevented by unusually bad winter weather that had cut off roads and passes in the mountainous country.

"The State Department has estimated that the Soviet Union now has 95,000 combat troops in Afghanistan."

As control over major cities seemed to be slipping, material and men were able to flow freely to rebel forces inside Afghanistan because Soviet forces could not shut the border with Pakistan, the American official said.

"It is wide open," he added.

Meanwhile, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko flew back to Moscow Thursday after agreeing with Indian leaders that the Afghan crisis should be swiftly defused.

But he did not tell them when Soviet troops would withdraw from Afghanistan.

A joint statement published at the end of Gromyko's visit contained no reference to Afghanistan, but an official Indian spokesman told reporters that "the Soviet Union has not disagreed with us about the desirability of its troops going back."

He said, however, that "optimum conditions" for a Soviet pull-out did not exist at the moment and the two sides agreed that the Afghan situation should not be viewed in isolation.

Polish premier dropped from ruling Politburo

WARSAW, Feb. 15 (R) — Polish Prime Minister Piotr Jaroszewicz was dropped from the ruling Communist Party Politburo Friday in a move which clearly signalled that his career as premier was finished.

Jaroszewicz, who has been premier since 1970, was not re-elected to the politburo which unanimously reconfirmed party leader Edward Gierk as first secretary.

Elections to the party Central Committee and ruling politburo came at the end of the party's five-day congress here which was dominated by blunt and open criticism of the government's performance.

Prime Minister Jaroszewicz was seen as the main target for the criticism.

N.Yemen describes Saudi ties as 'ideal'

SANAA, Feb. 15 (SPA) — President Ali Abdullah Saleh of North Yemen Thursday described his country's relations with Saudi Arabia as "ideal and excellent", reiterating that they would develop further in the interest of the two countries. In an interview published in the local *Al Thawra* newspaper, he referred to rumored tension between the two countries and said such reports were "malicious and misleading" and were part of abortive propaganda campaigns to rock Arab solidarity.

Saleh expressed admiration of Saudi Arabia's role and of all other Arabs in helping and supporting North Yemen in different fields.

He reaffirmed his country's firm adherence to positive neutrality and non-alignment and said, "We do not side with the East against the West, nor do we side with the West against the East; we are simply with right and against falsehood."

The Yemeni leader said Yemen's policy in diversifying military arms was adopted in the country's interest. It did not pose any threat to the country's security, but was a necessity to reinforce national independence and sovereignty, he added.

Replying to a question on North Yemen's stance on the Soviet aggression in Afghanistan, he said his country's participation in the Islamabad conference, which condemned this aggression, would suffice the answer.

Saleh called for an accord among the Gulf states and the Arabian peninsula on a unified strategy to strengthen their independence, to keep away all dangers and to achieve further coordination among themselves. This was the only way to keep the region away from the risk of international trouble.

The president expressed his regret over the normalization of relations between Egypt and Israel and said his country was committed to the resolution of the Baghdad Conference and all other resolutions on the Palestine issue. Individual solutions would not serve peace in the region, he added.

Meanwhile, North Yemen's Minister of Education Muhammad Khadim Al-Wajih met with Saudi Arabian Ambassador in Sanaa Thursday. They reviewed bilateral relations in the field of education.

In addition, Saleh said North Yemen will hold general elections later this year, the first since the mountainous Arabian state became a republic in 1962.

Kidnapped MP in Zgharta

Lebanon plans national charter

BEIRUT, Feb. 15 (AP) — Lebanon's government said Friday it would work out a charter for national reconciliation between the country's nationalist Muslims and rightist Christians who fought the 1975-76 civil war.

A spokesman said the move was prompted by Syria's decision Feb. 4 to pull out its peacekeeping troops from Beirut, sparking fears of renewed civil war.

At least 28 persons were officially reported killed in nationwide violence that followed the Syrian decision to withdraw 8,000 peacekeepers from buffer zones separating the warring factions.

The contingent is part of a 22,000-man Syrian army that polices the 38-month civil war armistice in most of Lebanon. A 6,100-strong U.N. force from eight nations is stationed in a 500-sq. mile area separating Palestinian commando positions from the Israeli border in Southern Lebanon.

An official announcement said the government of Prime Minister Salim Hoss scheduled an extraordinary session under Christian President Elias Sarkis for Saturday to begin discussing a proposed charter of national entente.

Nationalists demand an equal power-sharing system to replace the pre-war Christian

PLO reports buildup Israeli attack on Syria seen

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, — The Pentagon has information that Israel is preparing to attack Syria — perhaps within the next two weeks — reliable sources said here.

Israel, has partially mobilized its military forces and for the past five weeks the Israeli press has been preparing the public for a war with Syria by claiming Damascus is gearing up for an attack on the Zionist state, the sources said.

Eyewitnesses in Israel, contacted by telephone, reported that hundreds of Israeli tanks and other military vehicles have been moved into the Golan Heights in recent days.

On the basis of its own intelligence, the Pentagon believes Israel could attack Syria before the scheduled normalization of Egyptian-Israeli relations on Feb. 26, sources said.

If not, the attack will almost certainly come before May 26, the deadline for the Egyptian-Israeli negotiations on Palestinian autonomy, they said.

The Israeli attack on Syria would probably come in the context of escalated fighting in South Lebanon, where Palestinian and nationalist Lebanese forces are now battling the Israeli-backed rightist forces of Maj. Saad Haddad.

Ben-Elissar hits Egypt, U.S. over Israeli settlement plan

TEL AVIV, Feb. 15 (AP) — Israel's ambassador-designate to Egypt, Eliahu Ben-Elissar, insisted on Friday that the United States and Egypt have no right to interfere in the Israeli policy of building settlements in occupied Arab territory.

Ben-Elissar, in a press conference nine days before becoming Israel's first ambassador in Cairo, commented on American condemnation of the Israeli cabinet's affirmation that "there is no objection to Jews living in Hebron," a West Bank City of 50,000 Palestinians.

"I deny any right of any foreign power to intervene in our policy of settlement," he said. Israel listens to U.S. protests, he added, "but I really can't understand why the U.S. administration thinks it has the right to tell Jews where they have a right to live." (See related story page 4)

Ben-Elissar also criticized warnings from

The Israeli objective in the war against Syria would be to demonstrate to the United States that Israel is its only reliable strategic ally in the region, analysts say.

Israel would try to portray its war with Syria as a Soviet-inspired conflict, according to these analysts. The Israelis have been claiming for months that Soviet influence is on the rise in Syria, and that Soviet pilots and other Russian military personnel would take part in any future Syrian military effort.

Since all Arab states — including America's friends in the Gulf region — could be expected to side with Syria in any war with Israel, the Israelis would then accuse the moderate Arab countries of supporting Soviet expansionism in the Middle East.

In this way, the Israeli government would hope to persuade the United States that Israel is the only state in the region that it can count on. Thus rupturing America's close ties with Saudi Arabia and other moderate Arab states, the analysts say.

Another motive of Israel's planned attack on Syria is the Begin government's need to revive the Israeli economy, which sources say is in worse shape than on the eve of the 1967 war.

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El Al starts twice-weekly Cairo flights

TEL AVIV, Feb. 15 (AP) — Israel's airline El Al will begin twice-weekly flights to Cairo on March 3 for a round-trip fare of \$170, the airline said Friday.

The announcement followed Thursday's signing in Cairo of an air transport agreement between Israel and Egypt under terms of their peace treaty.

Egypt, hoping to avoid repercussions against its national airline in the Arab world, will create a special carrier for its two flights per week to Israel. Its initial Cairo-Tel Aviv trip is scheduled for March 5.

El Al said it will use Boeing 707 jets carrying about 175 passengers for the 50-minute flight, set for Mondays and Thursdays.

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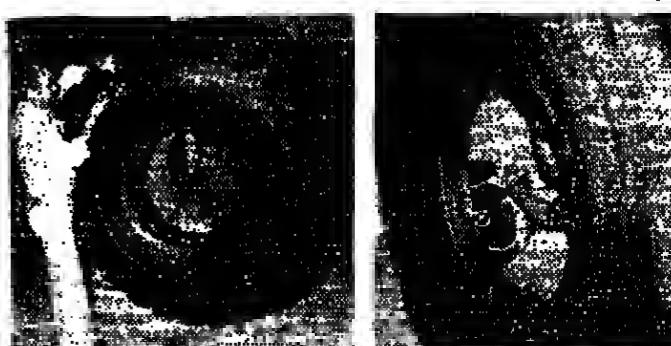
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Renovation set

Riyadh authorities curb high-rise construction

JEDDAH, Feb. 15 — Riyadh has banned the construction of additional storeys on any building.

In an attempt to ensure that municipal services can keep pace with the city's increasing population, the Higher Committee for the Development of Riyadh has also decided that the Water and Sewage Department must approve the construction of new high-rise buildings. Reports did not elaborate, but earlier meetings of the Higher Committee have discussed the strain on services imposed by buildings more than five storeys high.

The Higher Committee was meeting under Prince Sattam, the deputy governor, to discuss a report by the Water and Sewage Department on its future projects. The report was approved and the decisions on limiting the height of buildings taken, according to SPA.

It was also decided that the area of Sharqia,

Tunis meeting vital, Aba Al-Khail says

RIYADH, Feb. 15 (SPA) — The session in Tunis of the Arab Economic and Social Council is an important step towards a summit that will discuss joint Arab strategy, according to Saudi Arabia's chief delegate.

Finance Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail was quoted by *Al Riyadh* Thursday as saying that the summit will be preceded by a meeting of foreign affairs and economy ministers. But he did not specify the date or venue.

Arab economic action submitted to the council session had already been examined by several sub-committees. He added the document deals with all the aims and priorities of joint Arab cooperation. If applied, the plan in the document would amount to a dramatic change in Arab economic relations.

He went on to say that a similar document was also under discussion. That deals with the economic relations of Arab countries as one bloc with the outside world. Both papers complement each other.

The minister said that both documents will be finalized during this meeting, and then submitted to the foreign ministers.

to the west of Mugaibarah, be expropriated by the municipality. Buildings will be demolished, and the area will be planned and sold in lots at auction. The improvements will be to remain in keeping with the buildings of the Government Palace.

The mayor of Riyadh, Sheikh Abdullah Al-Naim said that the meeting discussed a report by the general director of the Government Palace project calling for in the next budget funds to put up the buildings of the Governorate of Riyadh, the Municipality and Public Security.

A committee will be formed to draw up new rules for the Higher Committee to keep abreast of the development of the city. The committee will comprise two members of the Higher Committee and two experts from Riyadh University. It will begin work shortly, Naim added.

Al-Jedah meanwhile reported that a 60 meter high water tower will be built on the Corniche in Jeddah. It will be built according to Islamic principles in architecture and will have a revolving restaurant.

It quoted the mayor of Jeddah, Muhammad Said Farsi, as saying that the Municipality will develop several gardens, children's play ground, and cafes along the 70 kilometer Corniche. Everything is to comply with the customs and traditions of Saudi Arabia. Work on the Marina will be completed shortly, Farsi said.

The chairman of Jeddah's Higher Committee for Coordination of Projects, Dr. Abdul Hamid Al-Daghistani, has meanwhile held a meeting about work by Jeddah Electricity Company. They discussed the inconvenience caused by repeated excavation in streets. Last year alone, the company dug up 1,600 kilometers of road, it was said.

Al-Jedah said Friday that Daghistani requested that the company give information about work in every part of the city. It will have to obtain permission before beginning work.

Emergency repairs, maintenance and house connections have been excluded. Maintenance teams, equipment and vehicles should have distinguished marks or uniform, it was requested.



WORK: The work of Saudi Arabian women on display at the Al-Falsafiyah women's society recently. Visitors in the event spoke highly of the craftsmanship.

In Jeddah this year

Open-heart surgery set

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 15 — Open-heart surgery is planned to begin in Jeddah later this year. Nationalist Chinese surgeons at the Ministry of Health's new hospital are to establish the program, which will follow that of the King Faisal Specialist Hospital in Riyadh.

Chinese medical staff are also to help train Saudi Arabian medical students at King Abdul Aziz University, the Chinese embassy says.

Two Chinese experts are in the Kingdom on an inspection tour as part of preparations. They are Dr. Hung Chi-ren, professor and chairman of National Taiwan University Hospital's Department of Surgery, and Dr. Lien Wen-pin, professor and cardiologist of NTU Hospital. Hung headed the team which separated a pair of Siamese twins at NTU Hospital last year.

Hung said they will make a survey of the new hospital to see what equipment is still needed for open-heart surgery. National Taiwan University is prepared to send a team, including two professors, one attending doctor and a support staff, to the hospital to perform the surgery after preparatory work is completed.

He said they will also meet Saudi Arabian officials to discuss the assistance NTU Hospital is to offer in training students.

Jeddah General Hospital is one of the Five Hospitals Project of the Ministry of Health. One of the five hospitals, in Hofuf, has already been opened by Chinese medical personnel.

The Jeddah Hospital is expected to become the second civilian hospital in the

Kingdom to perform open-heart surgery. Meanwhile Chinese food research institute has developed a set of integrated equipment for processing the juice of barshomi (opuntia ficus-indica) for people in Baha where the fruit is largely wasted owing to a lack of processing facilities.

The equipment, which can automatically produce canned juice from fresh barshomi, has been developed by the Food Industry Research and Development Institute in Hsinchu in Northern Taiwan.

The idea was first raised by Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, Minister of Industry and Electricity. He has been asked by Baba people to find a way of making full use of the sweet but thorny fruit.

In October 1977, when Dr. Algosabi and Hsueh were in Baha to inaugurate the construction of a power plant there by the Taiwan Power Co., the minister urged the Chinese ambassador to look into the possibility of making barshomi juice.

An expert, Liao Kuei-leng, was sent to the Kingdom later that year. He completed a feasibility study.

After Liao returned to Taipei, a pilot plant was built for trial production. After almost two years of effort, he developed the equipment which meets the needs of processing the juice here, and a small sample quantity was produced.

When the sample was brought to Dr. Algosabi by Hsueh, the minister was extremely satisfied. To stress the importance he attached to the matter, he appointed as coordinator his former deputy minister, Ahmed Al-Twaijri, who is vice-chairman of the Saudi Consulting House.

WEATHER

Temperatures will drop gradually in the northern, central and western regions. There may be scattered thunderstorms in the eastern and south-western regions.

Winds will be moderate and northerly to north-westerly, causing occasional sand haze in the central, eastern, western and south-western regions.

Seas will be light to moderate. Friday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade).

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School building deals await award this year

RIYADH, Feb. 15 (SPA) — Several contracts will be awarded this year for educational projects across the Kingdom. They include construction of the Education Directorate in Jizan, an institute for the deaf in Riyadh, institutes for the blind in Hama and Jassim, and a housing complex for Mecca's institute for the blind.

Two medium size libraries in Abha and Jassim, three small ones in Medina, Zilfi and Jassim, and the central warehouse in Riyadh will be awarded this year. Four main medical centers will be built in Abha, Qunfuza, Wadi Dawasir and Taif. The Taif unit will have a homeopathic treatment facilities.

Eight branch medical centers will be built in Qassim, Abha, Washm, Hail, Jof and Najran. Three scout camps will be established in Taif, Bisha and Sudair.

This year and last the ministry of Education built 185 small primary schools and 175 model primary schools. Six of these have 23 classrooms, 22 have 27 classrooms, 23 have 15 classrooms each, 15 have 18 classrooms each, 56 have nine classrooms each and 53 have 12 classrooms.

During the same period, 23 ideal intermediate schools with 18 classes each, and 19 ideal intermediate schools with 27 classes each have been built.

The ministry's program includes maintaining schools in Medina, Hama, Qassim, and Washm. The first phase of construction of secondary vocational schools in Medina has been awarded. Health centers in Qunfuza, Taif, Ayina, Deba, and Hafir Al-Batin, a mental education school in Jeddah, and an institute for the deaf in Hama have been completed.

Buildings for the Education Directorate in Bisha and for the Supervising Department of Jazirah and a scout camp in Dammam have also been finished. Studies and designs are underway for a cultural center in Dirayya, outside Riyadh.

Highway patrol seeks training site in U.S.

SALEMBURG, North Carolina, Feb. 15 (AP) — Saudi Arabia is looking for training facilities in the United States for the planned highway patrol.

Last year Sanders Associates of New Hampshire and the Interior Ministry signed a contract for developing a highway patrol system for the Kingdom. It will be modelled on the American, at a total cost of \$900 million.

The sites under consideration include the North Carolina Justice Academy, with facilities in Texas and Missouri in the running. Perry Powell, director of the North Carolina Institute, says,

King Abdul Aziz University on Jeddah has meanwhile graduated 1,400 students from the 1978/1979 academic year, in the presence of Prince Saud bin Abdul Mubsen, acting governor of Mecca.

The university has 5,000 fulltime and 6,000 part time students. It has ten faculties, two colleges and ten scientific research centers, Rector Dr. Abdullah Nassif said at the ceremony.

For the first time Wednesday, the university graduated students from the Faculty of Engineering. The Kingdom's first graduates in nuclear engineering and industrial engineering were on the ceremony.

For talks

Algosaibi flies to Kenya

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 15 — Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi has left for Kenya for talks on economic cooperation. The talks fall under the activities of the Saudi-Kenya Joint Economic Commission, which was set up last year.

The commission came into being during the visit last September of President Daniel Arap Moi, the first Kenyan head of state to visit Saudi Arabia.

The Kenyan delegation submitted requests for project aid of \$500 million and sought to replace its contacts for Saudi Arabian oil by a direct government-to-government deal.

In the course of the visit, Kenyan officials held talks with Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, who is chairman of the Saudi Fund for Development.

The SDF has committed SR32.5 million for livestock farming development in Kenya.

By Abdullah Omar Khayyat
Al Jazirah

It has been a year since the completion of the rush housing project in Jeddah, but the towers are still vacant. That is although they are quite fit for habitation. According to the Planning Minister, who is deputizing for the Housing Minister, they are still working on the regulations which will define who is entitled to live in them. Basically, he said, flats will be given to those who have no homes of their own.

These houses were built quickly to be homes for the needy and to ease the housing crisis which prevented low income families from living decently.

There are also a number of minor private Saudi Arabian investments in the country.

The two sides agreed to form the commission to encourage trade, and Kenyan officials also expected the visit and the commission to give considerable impetus to exports of food to Saudi Arabia. At present exports hardly exceed a few million dollars a year.

In common with a number of developing countries, Kenya has sought the stability of a Petromin direct-sale contract to supply its refinery at Mombasa. Of a total oil bill of \$240 million in 1978, Iran was supplying 46 per cent and the Kingdom only 16 per cent. Apart from supplies of refined products from Bahrain, the remainder was supplied chiefly from Iraq. The share of Saudi Arabian crude sent through the Aramco partner Mobil had actually declined from the 37 per cent of 1977 and the 27 per cent of 1976. But since the disruption of Iranian exports last year, Kenya's suppliers, which include Shell and Total, have had trouble meeting their commitments.

Saudi Comment

As I said it has been a year now and nobody has been able to make use of them, because the regulations are not yet ready. We had expected immediate occupation upon completion. This was the whole purpose of building them in the first place.

By Omar Abdo Hashem
Al Riyadh

While schemes have been discussed and some decisions taken and carried out to ease the housing problem, we are still far

Telephones survive rainstorms in Riyadh

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 15 — Riyadh's torrential rains of the past week failed to knock out the telephone network, Saudi Telephone says. Muhammad Jamil Mulla, Saudi Telephone's Riyadh district manager, says that improvements in cable network and other outside facilities saved the city's network.

About 1400 or two per cent of all working telephones in Riyadh reported trouble from the heavy rain storms. There have been no reports of any failures in primary or junction cables which connect exchanges. The only cables reported out of service have been the smaller secondary cables, and only a small percentage of them.

Saudi Telephone repair forces have been at work since the first trouble was reported. It is expected that most of the rain-related failures will be repaired within a few days, the company says.

Mulla says that the extremely low number of failures owing to rain damages can be attributed to Saudi Telephone's cable pressurization. This involves passing air pressure through cables to repel moisture and to help locate breaks, punctures and other weaknesses. In addition, Mulla says, improved maintenance over the past year and the continual upgrading of Saudi Telephone's outside plant network has contributed.

For 24 hours during the deluge, the operation of the Ulayah exchange was threatened by rising water, but Saudi Telephone employees, assisted by Civil Defense forces, fought off the threat. No disruption resulted.

Repair and installation forces during the next few days will be fully occupied in restoring services. As a result, telephone installations scheduled to be completed by the end of the month may be delayed a week.

from having solved the sewage question in our main cities. Even if there is enough housing, what use can it be if the sewage system attached to it is still woefully inadequate.

The result, as we have seen is either little or no work to solve the problem of overflowing drains, which can be very harmful to those living nearby. Partial repairs and emergency solutions will not do. They can be damaging to the underground networks already in place.

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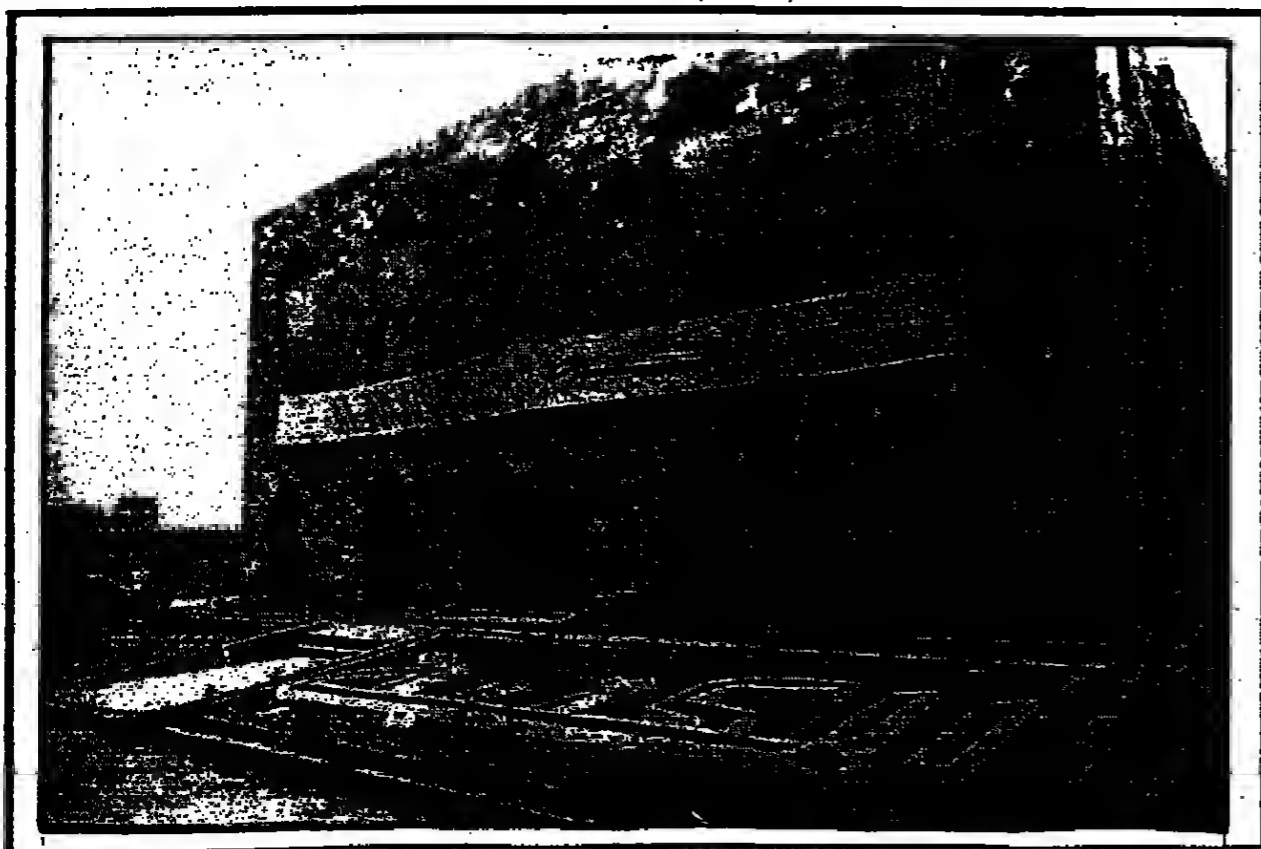
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'Recipe for splitting up Iran'

Kurdish autonomy plan rejected by Bani-Sadr

TEHRAN, Feb. 15 (R) — Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr Friday described the program of the main Kurdish political grouping as a recipe for splitting up Iran and said the government was ready to fight.

Speaking at a Congress of his supporters to prepare for next month's parliamentary elections Bani-Sadr rejected proposals he said he had received from the left-wing Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP).

"Their program is not self-rule, their program is splitting up Iran," he declared. "It is not separatism, it is even worse than that. I am not afraid of the word autonomy, but if these are its contents, this is not self-rule but secession," he said.

Directing his words to the KDP, Bani-Sadr added: "If you are saying: if the government doesn't accept its program we will fight, then all right let's fight."

Bani-Sadr said the so far unpublished KDP proposals called for complete local control of the police, gendarmerie and army in Kurdistan, on Iran's western frontier. He said these demands were unacceptable.

The president's tough words were widely applauded by some 3000 delegates to the congress at a Tehran indoor sports stadium. A handful of Kurdish Bani-Sadr supporters were among the audience who cried "God is Great, glory to Bani-Sadr."

Negotiations between government and Kurdish delegations have been going on since

last November following repeated clashes in the Kurdish region which led to the government sending in the army last summer.

The talks have produced little concrete result except for the withdrawal last month of pro-government revolutionary guards from the Kurdistan provincial capital Sanandaj.

But this move was immediately followed by fresh clashes between guards and Kurdish guerrillas on the borders of Kurdistan province.

In another development, Bani-Sadr took direct control of rescue operations Thursday as flooding continued to sweep southwest Iran and up to 200 dead were reported.

The president directed operations from an air force base outside Tehran. Teams of helicopters sent toots, blankets and emergency food supplies to the beleaguered province of Khuzestan, where most of Iran's oil is produced.

The *Kayhan* newspaper reported that more than 200 bodies had been pulled from the flood waters so far and 10 villages in Khuzestan were on the verge of destruction.

Kayhan quoted city officials in Ahwaz, Iran's oil capital as saying flood waters might soon cover the town. A major suspension bridge in Ahwaz was reported to have cracked and all traffic over it was banned.

Ayatollah Khomeini's office urged Iranians to pay their religious dues directly to the flood emergency fund.

Meetings resume Monday

Autonomy discord persists

CAIRO, Feb. 15 (Agencies) — Egyptian, Israeli and United States negotiators emerged Thursday from their latest round of talks on autonomy for Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza with their differences as wide as ever.

The head of the Egyptian working group, Ahmed Ezzat Abdel-Latif told reporters there was still no agreement on the main issues of the status of Palestinians or East Jerusalem, the size of the proposed Palestinian council or the powers and responsibilities such a council would enjoy.

But he said the working groups had done more work in their three-day session than at any previous round of talks.

The negotiators continue their work in Tel Aviv on Monday in preparation for a meeting of heads of delegations on Feb. 27 in London, Zurich or Sinai.

Harder Line
Meanwhile in Amman, Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan Thursday accused Israel of taking a harder line on occupied Arab land and said Premier Menachem Begin's government was planning to turn Jerusalem into a predominantly Jewish city within three years.

Hassan said Israel's attitude on the West Bank has hardened after the crisis in Afghanistan and Iran.

He said Begin's government had seized on the occasion to present itself as a bulwark of Western interests in a threatened Middle East, with any criticism of Israeli policies painted as an attempt to undermine the West itself.

Hassan was commenting on the Israeli government's decision earlier this week to allow Jews to settle in the West Bank city of Hebron, a move criticized by Arab countries as well as the United States government.

In an interview with Reuters the crown prince said the decision was in line with plans to turn Jerusalem, Hebron and other West Bank cities into predominantly Jewish places within three years.

Most Serious Mistake
In Tel Aviv, former foreign minister Moshe Dayan, in interview published Friday, assailed Israel's decision to allow Jews to settle in Hebron as "a most serious mistake."

"What do we need this kind of decision for?" Dayan said. "We are doing ourselves a disservice by settling even a few Jewish families in the heart of Arab Hebron. It certainly raises a big question mark over our intentions."

Senseless
In Vienna, Chancellor Bruno Kreisky said Thursday any Mideast peace plan was "senseless" with an Israeli cabinet in power that agrees but to an "extremely limited" autonomy for the Palestinians which is "unacceptable to those involved."

While voicing fresh criticism of Begin's government, Kreisky denied reports he himself would take a new Middle East peace initiative.

At a news conference Kreisky repeated his appeal made at the United Nations for exploratory talks to see what the various proposals toward settlement would imply.



President Bani-Sadr

McHenry holds talks with Sarkis

BEIRUT, Feb. 15 (Agencies) — Donald McHenry, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, flew here Friday from Cairo and began talks with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis soon after arrival.

McHenry's visit is part of a seven-nation Middle East tour which has already taken him to Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Egypt. He will also visit Jordan, Israel and Tunisia.

In a brief airport statement McHenry said the main purpose of his trip was to make first-hand contact with the region. He hoped his discussions would enable him to carry out his responsibilities at the U.N. in a more meaningful and effective way.

There was tight security at Beirut Airport where the U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon John Gunther Dean welcomed the visiting envoy.

Two days ago the road to the airport was closed by a battle in west Beirut between Lebanese army regulars and Palestinian-leader forces in which 10 persons, including the French military attaché, were wounded.

While in Cairo McHenry had two days of talks with President Anwar Sadat and other Egyptian government officials.

McHenry said that "radical settlements policy" by Israel might spur a drive for a new U.N. resolution on the Mideast.

"There may be a precipitant action such as a radical settlements policy that would lead to a demand for renewed and early consideration of this question in the United Nations," McHenry told a group of about 30 academics and journalists at the U.S. Cultural Center in Cairo Thursday.

Meeting set for Feb. 26

League to discuss Libya-Tunisia rift

TUNIS, Feb. 15 (R) — The Arab League has set Feb. 26 as the date for an emergency meeting to deal with a dispute between Tunisia and neighboring Libya, a source close to the League has said here.

The meeting was postponed from the original date of Feb. 16 at the request of several countries including Syria and Kuwait, the source said.

Both Tunisia and Libya called for the conference after 41 persons were killed in a guerrilla attack on the Tunisian mining town of Gafsa on Jan. 27.

Tunisia has accused Libya of planning the raid.

Earlier Tunisian Prime Minister Hedi Nouri has praised France, the United States and China for supporting his country in the

Turkish army questioning leftist workers over violence

ANKARA, Feb. 15 (Agencies) — Turkish army troops are holding hundreds of left-wing workers in a sports stadium in Izmir after Thursday's battle to a state-owned factory.

Reporters in Izmir said the workers were being questioned individually. Estimates of the numbers held ranged from 500 to 1,500.

The chief of staff of the armed forces meanwhile has declared that his troops could wipe out the country's widespread political violence but the army does not want to spill the blood of Turkey's citizens.

Speaking Thursday night in the eastern town of Erzurum, where Turkish troops are holding their winter combat exercises, Gen. Kenan Evren said the military could still solve the problem "if the ruling power, the opposition, the press, and the right and left assist us."

Turkish papers Friday carried prominent stories and dramatic photographs of Thursday's violent incidents in the Aegean city of Izmir, where 10,000 police and military commandos stormed a cotton-yarn factory occupied by left-wing workers.

"Stop. This country belongs to all of us," the mass circulation daily *Hurriyet* called in a headline, attacking political extremists for stirring the Izmir incidents.

Izmir, a popular tourist resort, was peaceful Friday as left-wing workers continued a strike. Most shops and businesses were closed and there was no public transport.

Elsewhere, two hundred prisoners took guards as hostages Friday in an uprising in the Antalya prison, in southeast Turkey, the Anatolia news agency reported.

The state radio referred only indirectly to Thursday's violence and also severely cut remarks at a press conference by opposition leader Bulent Ecevit.

Ecevit accused the government of Suleyman Demirel of using Gestapo tactics against citizens and carrying out what he called "the worst repression the world has seen since the regime of Idi Amin in Uganda."

In an uncharacteristically tough statement, Ecevit said he was more concerned about the political situation now than he had been in the period before the last military coup in 1971.

"The danger of dictatorship in Turkey has increased," he said.

He accused Demirel and his far-right allies of stirring up sectarian and ethnic strife in Turkey, including the problem of the ethnic Kurds in the east, near the Iraqi, Syrian and Iranian borders, in order to "divide and rule."

Israel's inflation up by 7.3 per cent

TEL AVIV, Feb. 15 (AP) — The cost of living in Israel rose 7.3 per cent in January, signifying a slight slowing of the inflationary spiral, the government announced Friday.

The January figure was the second consecutive monthly decrease after figures of 9.7 and 8.1 per cent for the last two

months of 1979. But the rate still was higher than the 6 per cent predicted by government officials and would represent an annual inflation rate of 133 per cent if unchecked.

Israel's inflation rate for January was 111 per cent, highest in the history of the state.

U.N. panel raps Camp David pact

GENEVA, Feb. 15 (R) — The United Nations Human Rights Commission has accepted by majority vote a resolution calling the tripartite 1978 Camp David accords on an Israeli-Egyptian peace agreement a flagrant violation of the rights of the Palestinian people.

Western countries voted against the Arab-sponsored resolution, accepting only one paragraph which affirmed the

Palestinians' right to self-determination and to establish an independent, sovereign state.

Thursday's resolution expressed the commission's grave concern that Palestinians had been prevented by force from enjoying their inalienable rights, particularly those of self-determination. It also noted with concern that the Camp David accords had been concluded outside the framework of the U.N.

Iran to open embassy in Libya

TEHRAN, Feb. 15 (R) — Iran is to open an embassy in Libya after a year of strained relations between the two countries, foreign ministry spokesman Nasir-o-Sadat Salami has said.

Salami told Reuters Thursday an Iranian delegation left Wednesday for Tripoli to make preparations for the embassy. Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi was

one of the first foreign leaders to welcome the triumph of Iran's Islamic revolution last year and wanted to come to Tehran. But revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini turned down the Libyan approaches, demanding an explanation for the mysterious disappearance of Lebanese Shiite Muslim leader Imam Moussa Sadr in Libya in 1978.

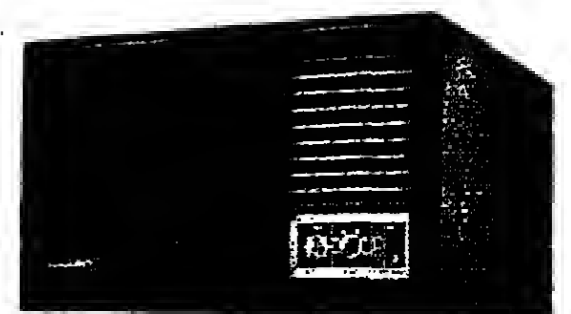
Othra's envoy to visit Mideast

TOKYO, Feb. 15 (AP) — The Japanese government Friday decided to send former foreign minister Sunao Sonoda to eight countries in the Middle East and Southwest Asia Feb. 19 as Prime Minister Masayoshi Othra's special envoy, officials said.

The formal decision was said to have

been made at a cabinet meeting. The eight countries are Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Oman, Syria, Pakistan, India and Iran.

During his stay in Syria, Sonoda may meet with Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, informed sources said.



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Terra incognita off the Strand

By Jenny Bagley

LONDON — An exhibition at Stanley Gibbons Mapsellers, just off the Strand, traces the history of the Middle East as seen through the eyes of European cartographers between the 15th and 19th centuries.

One of the oldest maps on display is a woodcut view of the destruction of Jerusalem which first appeared in Germany in the Nuremberg Chronicle in 1493. A much more recent map shows the divisions of Palestine as they appeared to Englishman John Tallis in the mid-nineteenth century. This is from one of the last decorated atlases printed and the map itself are small paintings of people at Mount Lebanon, views of Nazareth and Jaffa, and a gazelle.

Several of the 65 maps on display show the layout of tribal territories at various periods, including a splendid one drawn at the end of the eighteenth century.

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Several prints are also on sale, notably some fine copperplates of the old city of Cairo, illustrations of Syrian dress and prints of Sidon, Tyre, Mount Sinai and Syria.

One of the most intriguing works is a detailed map of the Red Sea, including a chart of distances and travel time in hours from various places, to Mecca by caravan. Another more elaborate one of the Nile Valley from the cataracts to the delta, was drawn in 1584 by a Dutchman, Abraham Ortelius.

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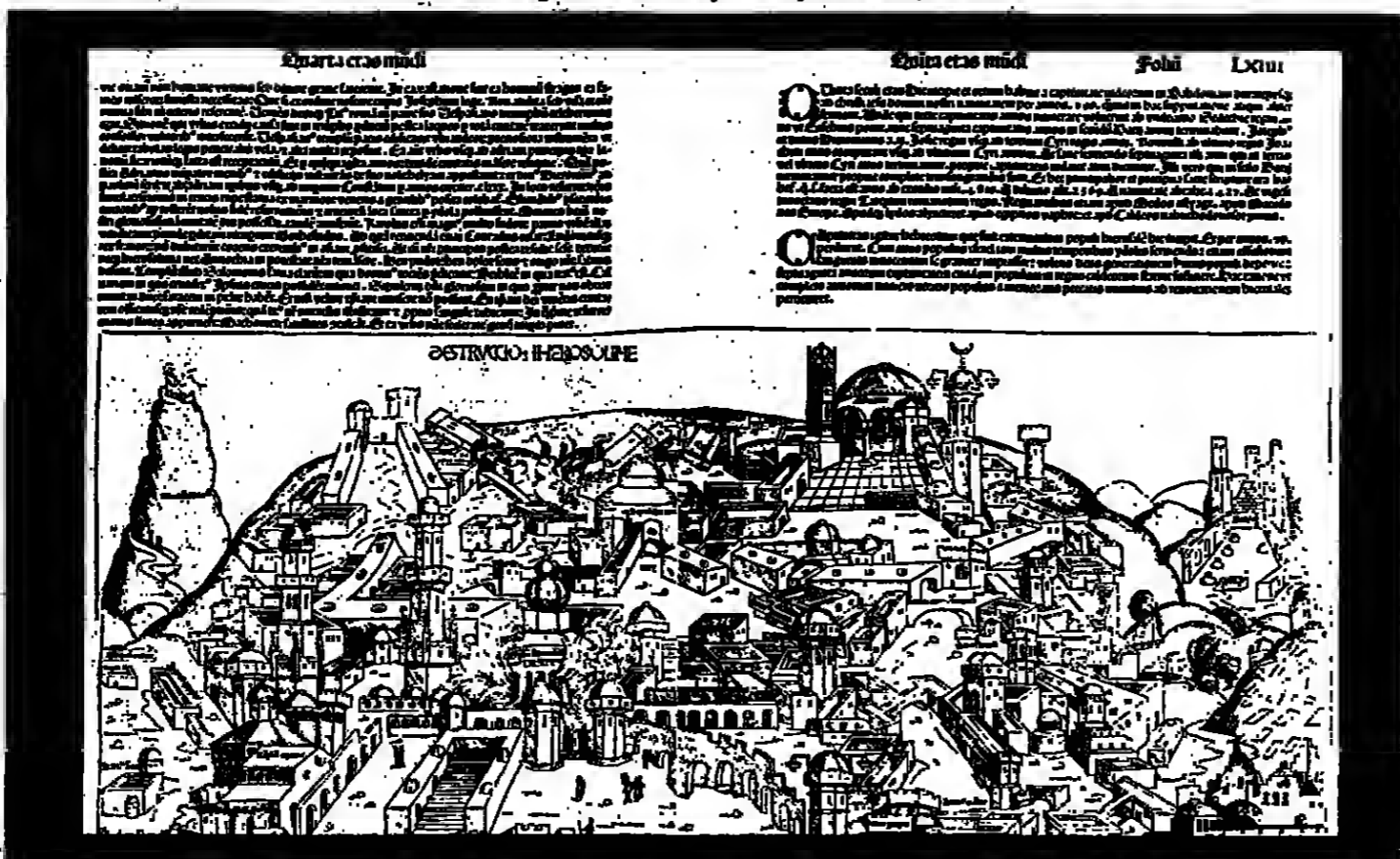
Another Dutchman, the theologian Christian van Adrichom, had a great influence on mapmaking of the Holy Land for two centuries after the publication in 1590 of his *Thesaurus Terrae Sanctae*. This was the first book of the historical geography of the Holy Land. It included twelve maps, a large plan of Jerusalem showing historical events, prominent buildings and maps of tribal areas.

Stanley Gibbons is a well-known house founded around 100 years ago. It has long been involved in stamps and auctioneering and five years ago began dealing in maps. It also moves coins, bank notes, medals, antiquarian books and playing cards.

The exhibition runs until the end of February and the gallery is open Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. and on Saturdays between 9:30 and 12:30 p.m.



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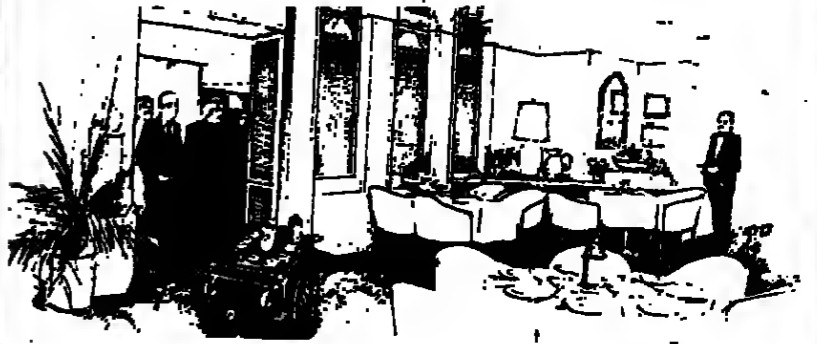


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Swindlers exploit China's new freedoms

By Dennis Bloodworth

SINGAPORE —

Peking's policy of freeing the Chinese to make a great leap forward into the 21st century is tempting millions to take a great leap backward into the 19th.

In the interests of "modernization," today's pragmatic leadership has cut the masses loose from the Socialist straitjacket clamped on them by the radical "Gang of Four" so that they can concentrate on production rather than politics.

For some the release from constricting dogma offers new freedoms in the future; for others it restores old freedoms of the past.

For example, two weeks ago *China Youth News* called on the young to celebrate the advent of the Year of the Monkey in mid-February by making war on superstition, waste, and mercenary marriages. They may sound an incongruous trio of evils, but the editors knew what they were about.

Sorcerers, geomancers and palmists, fortune-tellers, magicians and similar recondite riff-raff can now be jailed for up to seven years for peddling "feudal superstitions." It is a sign of the times that, despite the penalties, more and more have surfaced to breathe the liberal air in post-Mao China, especially in districts where the gullible peasantry have been struck by perfectly natural disasters.

They are taking advantage of the "freedom of religious belief" accorded to the followers of the world's major faiths to promote mysterious creeds of their own, to cast out devils, perform miraculous cures, and generally to face the credulous — sometimes with fatal results.

Between illicit sorcery and the approved list of religions there are grey areas like ancestor-worship, which the government finds it expedient to tolerate as long as it does not "affect the political and productive activities of the collective."

This, in turn, encourages the filial piety preached by Confucius but proscribed by the Maoists as a deplorable bourgeois distraction from a man's duty to state and party.

Loving God is thus legal again, and so is loving one's parents. Even loving the opposite sex enjoys qualified official sanction, although the Communists stress that ideological compatibility is as important as a pretty face when choosing a partner.

For one thing, love is good because the Gang were against it. For another, love can boost production: output spared and quotas were regularly overfulfilled in one Manchurian coalmine after a thoughtful local party bureau played go-between and found wives for 59 frustrated face-workers.

Finally, it tears down the barrier between classes, and destroys the feudal custom of forced marriages. When one cadre tried to prevent his daughter from marrying the peasant of her choice, and another tried to trick a female subordinate into marrying his unattractive son, the courts came down on the side of love, and the culprits were exposed in the press.

But love does not always win. There is a boom in marriage-broking, and the country is alive with the scurrying of middle-aged match-makers, who may check the credit-rating of suitors in ideological as well as financial terms for capitalistic skeletons in the cupboard, but still haggle in accordance with age-old routine for the biggest dowry and costliest wedding banquet.

The venerable custom of buying and selling brides has been revived, and is reported to have become widespread again during the past two years. Normally the bridegroom pays the parents in cash or kind, but it appears that in Guangdong province, just across the border from British Hong Kong, village girls have been selling themselves by weight, the going price (as of last December) being about \$17 a kilo.

Once again, parents are ruining themselves to give their offspring a stylish send-off. In mid-January a reader's letter to the *People's Daily* gave an itemized account of a marriage in Guangxi province that cost the groom's family \$750 — a sum that it would take an urban worker up to 18 months to earn — and left them \$200 more in debt.

If freedom to believe and freedom to love provoke their own bourgeois backlash, so does freedom to die, and extravagant funeral and memorial services in the Chinese tradition can cost more than a marriage. Recently a cortege of 40 vehicles accompanied the corpse of the deputy secretary of the electricity bureau in one provincial town south of Peking, and the expense sheet for the earlier obsequies of an assistant factory manager in east China ran to more than \$3,000. (OFNS)

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Islam: A force that can challenge superpowers (I)

(Editor's Note: A religion born 1,500 years ago has re-emerged in the final quarter of the 20th century as a political force in a world dominated for the last 35 years by the power struggle between the United States and the Soviet Union. Bernd Debusmann, Reuters chief correspondent in Beirut, examines the philosophy and tenets of Islam that mould the thoughts and actions of 800 million people living in the crescent of nations from Morocco to Indonesia. This is the first of a four-part series.)

By Bernd Debusmann

Islam, which only a few decades ago was the faith of the weak and the oppressed, has developed into a force which can alter the superpowers and redraw the political map of the world.

After toppling the American-installed Shah of Iran, Muslim fundamentalists contemptuously defied the might of the United States by storming the U.S. embassy in Tehran and holding its diplomats hostage.

Across Iran's eastern border, Muslims wage war against the Soviet-installed rulers of Afghanistan, prompting the first direct Soviet military intervention outside Europe since World War II.

Few analysts doubt the massive move into Afghanistan was at least partly motivated by fear that the religious ardor of Muslims in Iran and Afghanistan could spill over the Soviet Union's southern border.

An estimated 50 million Muslims in the Soviet republics of Central Asia, bordering on Iran and Afghanistan, make the Soviet Union the world's fifth-largest Muslim country after Indonesia, India, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

For the Kremlin, the Soviet Union's Muslims are a demographic time bomb. According to Western estimates, the number of Muslims is likely to approach 90 million by the year 2000. Due to a considerably higher birth rate, there will be as many Central Asian Muslims as Russians in the first half

of the next century.

The United States is as aware of the potential weight of Soviet Muslim as is the Kremlin. Last month President Carter approved steps to boost radio broadcasts in seven languages to Muslims in the Soviet Union.

American plans provide for the allocation of at least \$2 million to improve programs beamed to Soviet Muslims by Radio Liberty, the Munich-based propaganda station founded by the Central Intelligence Agency.

The dramatic events in Iran and Afghanistan threw into sharp focus an Islamic revival, which gathered momentum in the closing decades of the 14th century of the Muslim calendar. Islam's estimated 800 million adherents celebrated the beginning of the 15th century last November.

Historians will probably agree that the past Muslim century formed the base for an Islamic revival unparalleled since Muslim armies swept through half of Europe some 1,200 years ago.

Midway through the last century, the West had occupied or dismembered the entire Muslim world, from the parched deserts of North Africa to the steamy jungles of Indonesia. In 1940, there were only seven independent Muslim states. Now there are more than 40 and out a single one is under colonial rule.

After years of political subjugation, stagnation and poverty during the long era of Islamic decline, Muslim states now have the means to turn the tables on former colonial powers — oil.

Oil has reversed the old relationship, with the West now dependent on several countries of the Third World and reluctantly learning to live with the frustration caused by this dependence.

Islam's power base lies in Saudi Arabia, where Islam was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad 1,400 years ago, and which supplies about 70 per cent of the oil imports of the non-Communist world.

Italy braced for political instability

ROME — Italy is entering another period of political instability amid renewed pressures to bring down the fragile minority coalition of Christian Democratic Premier Francesco Cossiga.

The Christian Democrats' long-awaited congress opened Friday and appears certain to reaffirm the rejection by the country's biggest party of a demand by the second-ranking Communists, now in opposition, for cabinet posts in an emergency government.

This would be likely to spur the third-place Socialists into dropping their policy of keeping the Cossiga coalition alive by abstaining on key votes in parliament.

The Socialists had previously called for a national government, including the Communists.

In the labyrinthine and faction-ridden world of Italian politics, the outcome of bargaining in the next few weeks is far from certain.

The Christian Democrats start their congress divided into three groups, each with a different attitude to the Communists.

On the left, with about 41 per cent of delegates, are supporters of outgoing party secretary Benigno Zaccagnini and former premier Giulio Andreotti, both prepared for some form of concession to the Communists.

On the right, with 32 per cent of delegates, are supporters of former premier Amintore Fanfani, former industry minister Carlo Donat Cattin and others, all strongly opposed to any concession.

In the middle, with 23 per cent, is a faction of political pragmatists, opposed to concessions to the Communists now but open to the possibility at some time in the future.

The congress is likely to divide over a left-wing bid to have the party declare it has no overriding objections in principle to forming a government with the Communists — even though this might not take place immediately.

A debate is also likely on whether the party should drop its long-standing ban on coalitions between Christian Democrats and Communists in regional and local governments.

Andreotti has said he sees nothing wrong with such a change.

There will probably also be a fight over the election of a new party secretary with the pragmatists in the center proposing a deal with one of their leaders, Flaminio Piccoli, as secretary and Andreotti as party president.

But Donat Cattin, who has called Andreotti "opportunistically philo-Communist," will strongly oppose this, planning to nominate Premier Cossiga

as secretary.

After the congress it will be up to the Socialists to decide whether or not to end the Cossiga coalition by withdrawing their indirect backing of Italy's 37th postwar government. But the Socialists, constantly engaged in interminable political warfare, are split down the middle.

Moderate party secretary Bettino Craxi, believed to have ambitions to become premier himself, says he wants to avoid a crisis as no negotiated solution is in sight.

But leftist deputy secretary Claudio Signorile has called for a crisis to force the Christian Democrats into accepting a deal with the Communists immediately after the congress.

As for the Communists, they are holding to their policy of remaining in opposition until given a firm commitment by the Christian Democrats that they are acceptable coalition partners.

The Communists, who consistently lost votes while propping up Andreotti's minority Christian Democratic governments from 1976 to 1978, are hoping that their opposition stunts will help them in local elections in June.

Meanwhile, Cossiga's frail three-party government, including the strongly anti-Communist Social Democrats and Liberals, is arousing little enthusiasm among the Italian people. (R)

saudi press review

Weekend newspapers led with the joint communiqué issued at the end of Venezuelan President Luis Herrera Campins' visit to Saudi Arabia. They said the communiqué stressed a new formula for world economic order and reiterated that peace in the Middle East was impossible without the liberation of Jerusalem and other Arab territories from Israeli occupation. The communiqué also condemned the blatant Soviet aggression on Afghanistan.

Most newspapers frontpaged Lebanese Premier Salim Hoss' talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad in Damascus to find a formula for mutual understanding after Syria's decision to withdraw its peacekeeping forces in Beirut. *Al Riyadh* gave front-page play to an Afghan revolutionaries' attack on Afghanistan's military airport Jalalabad, in which four Russian experts were reported killed and a helicopter shot down. *Al Riyadh*

also frontpaged a report on the United States fortifying its presence in the Arabia Sea with amphibious tanks and artillery. In a front-page story, *Al Jazirah* reported the Secretary General of the Muslim World League as saying there is no other international Islamic organization working outside the framework of the Muslim World League. It also frontpaged a statement by Farouk Qaddoumi, head of the PLO's Politbureau, that the withdrawal of Syria from Lebanon would affect the Palestinian struggle for freedom.

Al Medina highlighted a statement by the Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones that one million new telephone hookups will be provided to establish direct links between the urban and rural areas of the Kingdom. The North Yemeni President's reaffirmation of "ideal and excellent" relations with Saudi Arabia figured prominently in *Al*

Yom newspaper.

Newspapers expressed unanimous opinions on the importance of topics dealt with in the Saudi-Venezuelan communiqué. The papers also commented on the situation in Afghanistan and urged the Islamic nation to give material and moral support to the Afghan Muslim fighters.

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Milk

The all-American myth

By Sandy Rovner

WASHINGTON — Now come the dentists to tell us that milk is dangerous for babies' teeth.

Milk? With all that calcium and vitamin D and all those other good things?

Milk?

Sweet juices, too, the dentists persist.

Not so much the milk itself, says pediatric dentist Sylvan S. Mintz, but a combination of whole milk, which has lots of sugar in it, and the oh-so-popular practice of putting the baby to bed with the bottle, and then letting the bottle feeding go on past a year, sometimes even up to and beyond two years.

What happens, says Dr. Mintz, taking time out from his Maryland practice to do his bit for National Dental Health Week (beginning Feb. 4), is this: "The milk or the fruit juice pools around the teeth — they're not really drinking it — and they fall asleep. It sits there and ferments and does the same thing to the teeth as a cola drink or a chocolate bar."

Because the primary (the dentists don't like to call them baby) teeth have only about one-eighth the enamel of permanent teeth, "the decay process is very quick."

Often, even while it is happening, the parent won't notice until the cavities become obvious, or the child starts to complain that cold milk, for example, burns his or her front teeth.

"It's such a simple thing to prevent," he sighs. "And when parents come in wondering 'What's wrong with my child's teeth?' and they find out ... they just cry."

And, of course, treating the teeth of a young child is complicated and expensive, it often requires hospitalization and a general anesthetic. Dr. Mintz recalls a 3-year-old where "out of 20 teeth in the child's mouth we did 19 crowns and one extraction."

"Sometimes nothing is done," says Mintz, "and the teeth are left to rot to the gum. With kids 3 and 4 years old there's nothing left on the teeth and nothing for the dentist to do but take out the little root tips."

"It's a big problem, and it knows no socioeconomic class. I have nurses' children and physicians' children ..."

It does not, of course, happen to every baby who's put down with a bottle of milk or juice. "It's host related — if you're susceptible, you'll get it and the next person won't. I have grandmothers who'll say, 'Well, I always put Mary to bed with her bottle and nothing happened to Mary, so why do we have this problem with Mary's child?'"

Another problem, Dr. Mintz says, is the widespread attitude that asks, "Why do we have to care about baby teeth, anyway?"

Don't forget, he says, it isn't until a child is about 6 that he gets his first front tooth, and the last "baby" tooth doesn't come out until about age 13. In addition to looking different from the kids in the nursery school, a baby

without front teeth is more likely to have speech problems and an eventual need for expensive orthodontia.

Pediatric dentistry is a relatively new field, and that may be why the baby-tooth problem seems like something new. Mintz believes that it hasn't worsened over the years, "but it hasn't gotten better."

And diet — meaning too much sugar — is the big culprit.

Dentists are now telling new parents to bring in youngsters at the first sign of the first tooth. "Not so much to look into the child's mouth," says Mintz, "but to talk to the parents about what they can do to protect it."

He suggests first, of course, not letting the baby sleep with a bottle of milk or juice, switching the baby to lower-fat milks (with the pediatrician's approval, of course) at about 6 months and weaning the child from the bottle altogether by a year.

In addition, it is a good idea to wash the baby's teeth and gums with a clean washcloth after the bottle or after nursing. Yes, Dr. Mintz says, almost apologetically and a little uneasily, mother's milk too, has been

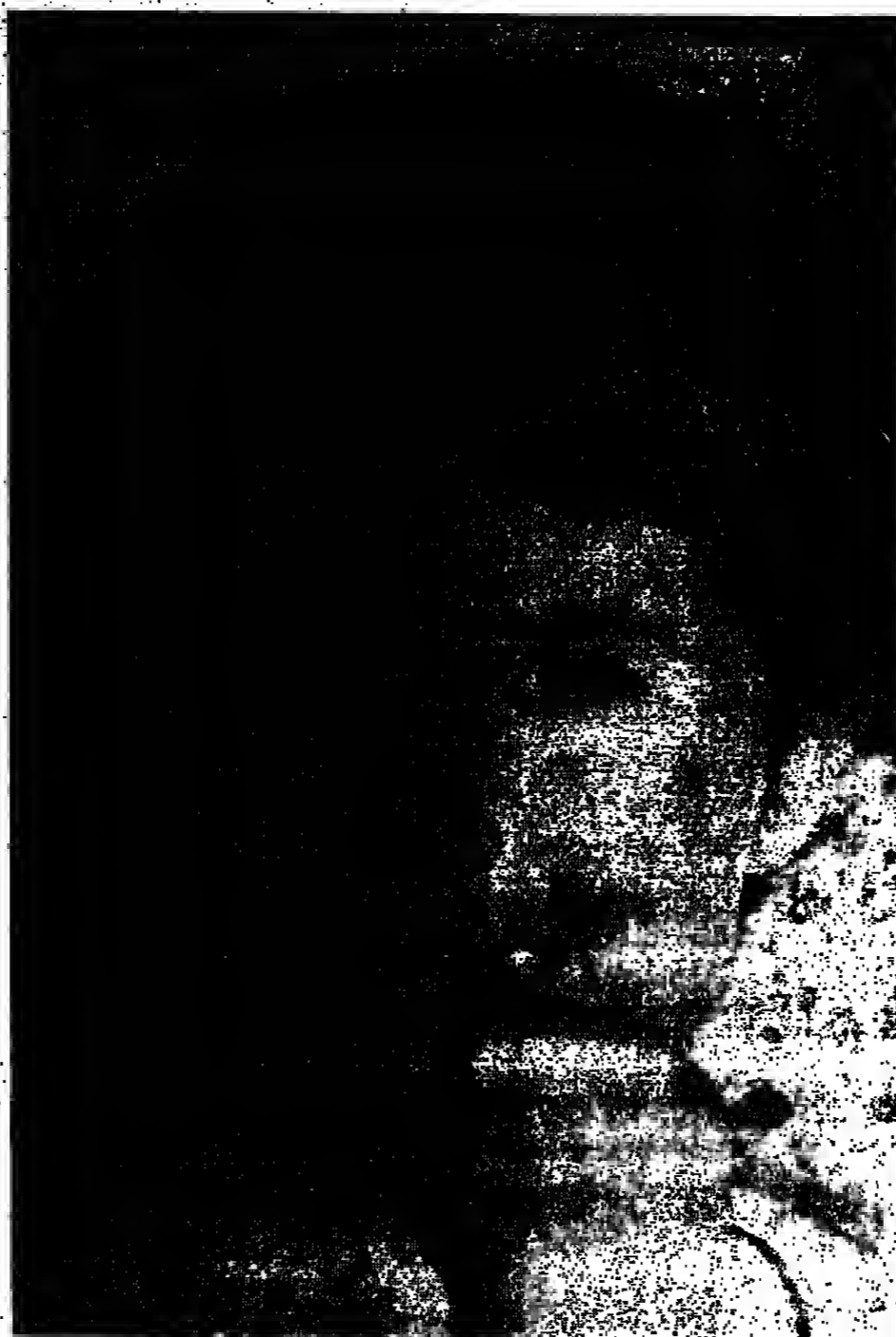
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targeted in recent studies as a cavity-producer, again, usually when the infant is brought into the mother's bed at night and falls asleep nursing.

As the child grows, so do the problems. Fluoride helps significantly in areas where it has been added to the water supply. And good brushing habits also are important.

But it all comes back to diet. And again, milk is one of the major culprits.

"We find some of our biggest cavity producers are the big milk drinkers," Dr. Mintz says. "Some of these kids are going through a quart of milk a day, and big milk drinkers tend to be big cookie eaters, big donut eaters,



which also adds to the problem."

People, he says, are so brainwashed about the importance of milk that they are inclined to do almost anything to encourage milk drinking. As in adding chocolate.

In a booklet he hands out to patients, Dr. Mintz notes that "one teaspoon of sugar enables the bacteria on the teeth to produce 20 minutes of acid immediately."

And "the frequency of sugar intake is more important than amount. Between-meal sweet snacks are more harmful than when eaten

with a meal."

He suggests popcorn, pretzels, nuts and fresh fruit as better snacks. Even potato chips are better for the teeth than sweets.

And finally he warns new parents of the dangers of hidden sugar: That tried-and-true luncheon sandwich, peanut butter and jelly, has the equivalent, he says, of 15 teaspoons of sugar.

In effect, the dentists' message is this: If your child has a sweet tooth, he likely won't have it long.

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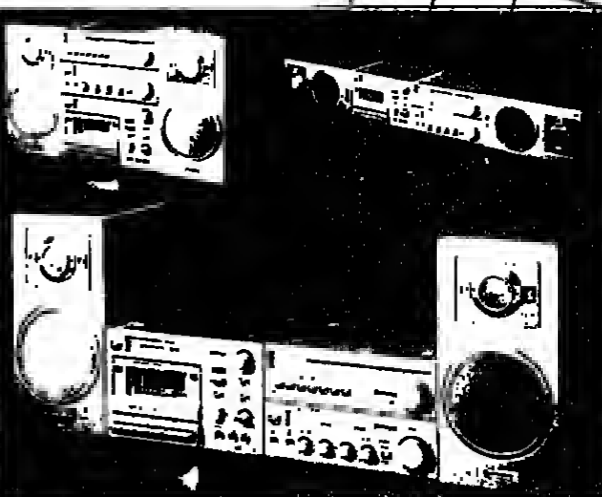
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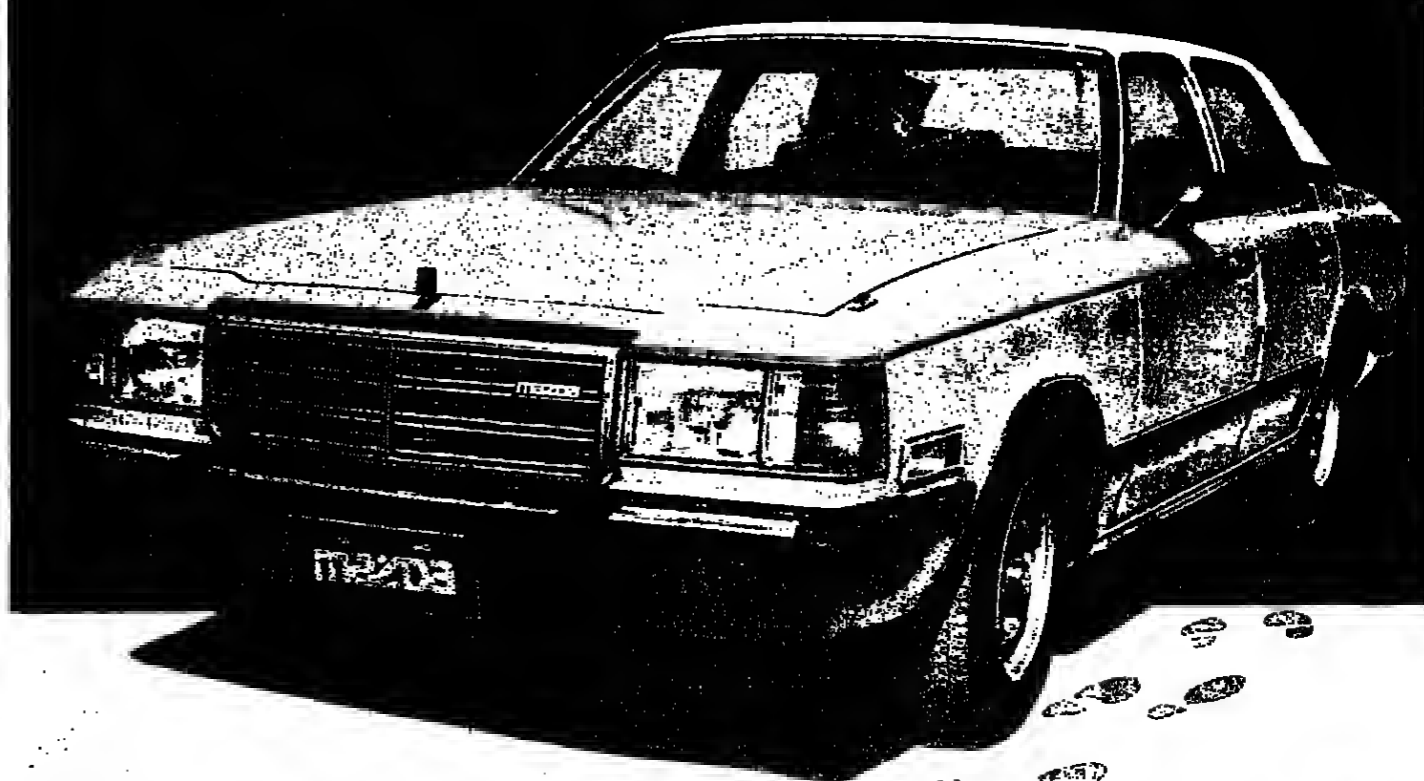
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To review Iranian grievances

Carter endorses panel

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP) — U.S. President Jimmy Carter endorsed the creation of an international commission "with a carefully defined purpose" as a step toward winning the release of American hostages in Iran.

Carter, on Wednesday night, did not define the purpose of such a panel, but its role clearly would be to look into Iranian grievances against the United States for past support of the deposed Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

India quake causes fear

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15 (R) — A strong earthquake in India's mountainous north Ladakh territory caused panic among people who fear a disastrous quake may follow a total eclipse of the sun over the country on Saturday.

Although there were no reports of casualties or damage from the remote, thinly-populated Ladakh region, Thursday strong tremors caused people to rush from their homes in northern Punjab state.

The Delhi Meteorological Department



said the epicenter of the quake was about 750 km. north of the capital and registered a magnitude of 6.5 on the open-ended Richter scale.

The quake struck in the north west, but most concern is being felt in north-east India where seismologists believe a big quake will occur this year and some scientists say it may accompany the eclipse.

At his first White House news conference in 11 weeks, Carter said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, his challenger for the Democratic Party's U.S. Presidential nomination, has made statements "damaging to our country" in criticizing policy on Iran and the Soviet incursion into Afghanistan.

Carter discussed the hostage situation in an opening statement, and said he would answer no questions on the status of what he called increasingly delicate efforts to gain freedom for the captives, held now for 102 days.

His endorsement of the commission idea was an apparent effort to signal a United States willingness to compromise with Iran's new president, Abolhassan Bani-Sadr.

Here are other highlights of U.S. President Jimmy Carter's nationally broadcast address Wednesday night.

— Carter refused to acknowledge any U.S. guilt for restoring the Shah to the Iranian throne in 1953. "That's ancient history," he said, "and I don't think it's appropriate for me to go into the propriety of something that happened many years ago."

The president said he remains firm in his demand that the Soviet Union withdraw from Afghanistan by Feb. 20 or face a refusal by U.S. athletes to participate in the Summer Olympic games in Moscow.

Carter insisted the Russians must be forced to pay a steep price for their occupation of Afghanistan. "We must convince the Soviet Union through peaceful means, that they cannot invade a neighboring country with impunity," the president said.

The president said he's anxious to hit the campaign trail as soon as the Iranian crisis can be resolved. "I want the world to know I'm not going to resume business as usual as a partisan campaigner out on the campaign trail," he said.

Carter said he felt there has been a "gross overreaction" on the part of much of American youth to his call for reinstatement of draft registration. "I do not anticipate calling for an actual draft," the president said.

The president said he would strongly oppose any effort in Congress to reduce the defense budget below the level he has recommended for fiscal 1981, for which the administration is proposing a 5 per cent increase in spending after discounting for inflation.

Carter said the administration is confident that Yugoslavia "is a strong, fiercely independent, well-equipped nation that can defend itself."



SOUNDS FISBY: In this case Popeye eats fish instead of spinach. The porpoise from the Aquarium in St. Petersburg, Florida, received his name after becoming attached to a corn-cob pipe, which the mammal holds in his mouth while giving people rides.

While settlement reviewed

Strike postponed in Peru

LIMA, Peru, Feb. 15 (AP) — Workers at the Toquepala copper mine, Peru's second largest producer, have threatened to strike for higher wages on Monday, a spokesman for the Southern Peru Copper Corp. said.

The strike was scheduled to begin Wednesday, but was delayed for 72 hours after the labor ministry authorized a wage settlement increasing pay by about 13,000 soles (51 U.S. dollars) a month.

The union has agreed to consider the package, a company spokesman said.

There are 3,000 workers involved, 1,800 of them at the mine some 1,184 kilometers south of Lima, and 1,200 at the coastal transportation center and metallurgical plant several miles west at the Pacific port of Ilo.

The company is controlled by ASARCO, the U.S.-based metals company.

Industrial sources said the unions may be staging a "ritualistic dance" aimed at getting a better settlement than was granted to workers at the company's nearby Cusajone mine, the largest in Peru. Cusajone produces some 180,000 metric tons of copper a year, compared with 150,000 tons at Toquepala.

A new contract was signed at the end of 1979 with the union at the Cusajone mine.

Bolivian officials promise reforms to halt uprising

SAN MATIAS, Feb. 15 Bolivia (AP) — Residents of this isolated village on the Brazilian border agreed to end a week-long rebellion aimed at getting the Bolivian government to sponsor some construction projects.

Officials said villagers agreed Thursday to free four airplanes seized to back their demands, to allow the 10 crewmen to leave and to call off a general strike.

The revolt began last week when villagers seized a radio station and blocked the nearby dirt airstrip, trapping a military C-47, a twin-engine transport, and two small planes.

The airstrip closure also cut off the town's main link with the rest of Bolivia. The villagers threatened to burn one plane and raise the Bolivian flag unless the government agreed to sponsor some local construction projects.

In return for stopping the rebellion the government agreed to provide some \$30,000 for local projects immediately, and to give top priority to demands for an all-weather road link with the rest of the country, an all-weather airstrip, and two schools.

About 4,000 persons live in San Matias, about 700 miles east of La Paz.

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Political prisoner released

SINGAPORE, Feb. 15 (R) — The Singapore government Friday freed a political detainee held under emergency laws without trial for the past 16 years for alleged Communist-inspired activities.

An official announcement said however, that Lee Tze Tong would be confined to a small offshore island, Pulau Ubin, as he had refused to give an undertaking not to engage in subversive activity.

Lee's release came two weeks after a report by the London-based Amnesty International accusing the Singapore government of systematically stifling political dissent by using the Internal Security Act providing for detention without trial.

Amnesty also drew attention to four long-

term political prisoners, including Lee, and said their detention was without parallel in modern history.

The Singapore government announcement Friday did not refer to the amnesty report, but said Lee was being released following a recommendation by Singapore's Internal Security Department.

Lee was arrested in October 1963 when he and a few others called for a two-day general strike of 37 Communist-controlled trade unions.

Lee was 33 when he was detained. He was a member of the extreme left-wing Barisan Sosialis Party, formed after a split within the ruling People's Action Party of Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew.

By U.N. organization

Cambodia food aid extended

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 15 (AP) — The executive board of the U.N. Children's Fund extended the fund's big emergency relief program for Cambodia for a second nine-month period from the end of March to the end of the year.

At a one-day special session Thursday, the 30-nation board agreed to the extension on recommendation of James P. Grant of the United States, new executive director of the fund, well known as UNICEF from days when it was called the U.N. International Children's Emergency Fund.

UNICEF and the International Committee of the Red Cross since last July have been

sending food, medicine, tools and the like to Cambodia, stricken by war and revolution.

Grant said that the world-wide Cambodian relief operation, with UNICEF as "lead organization" of the U.N. system and with the Food and Agriculture Organization and other international and voluntary agencies participating, had succeeded in "delaying disaster."

But he said a food shortage would occur in early spring, then slacken off but worsen again in early summer and fall until a new rice crop was harvested. He concluded that during 1980 about 200,000 tons of food would be needed.

Britain to probe welfare scams

LONDON, Feb. 15 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government is cracking down on "scroungers" in Britain's "womb to tomb" welfare state.

"Fraud in our society is something evil should be attacked," Social Services Minister Reg Prentice said in announcing a drive ferret out abuses in the comprehensive welfare system built up since world war II.

Despite overall plans to prune staff, Prentice said the Department of Health and

Social Security will hire an additional 1,050 investigators "to boost prevention and detection efforts."

"Fraud is all very much a matter of guesswork," commented a DHSS spokesman. But Prentice predicted the new measures will save the taxpayer around £50 million in the 1980-81 fiscal year.

That's a small amount compared to the £79 billion the department expects to pay out this financial year in social service benefits to Britain's population of around 56 million.

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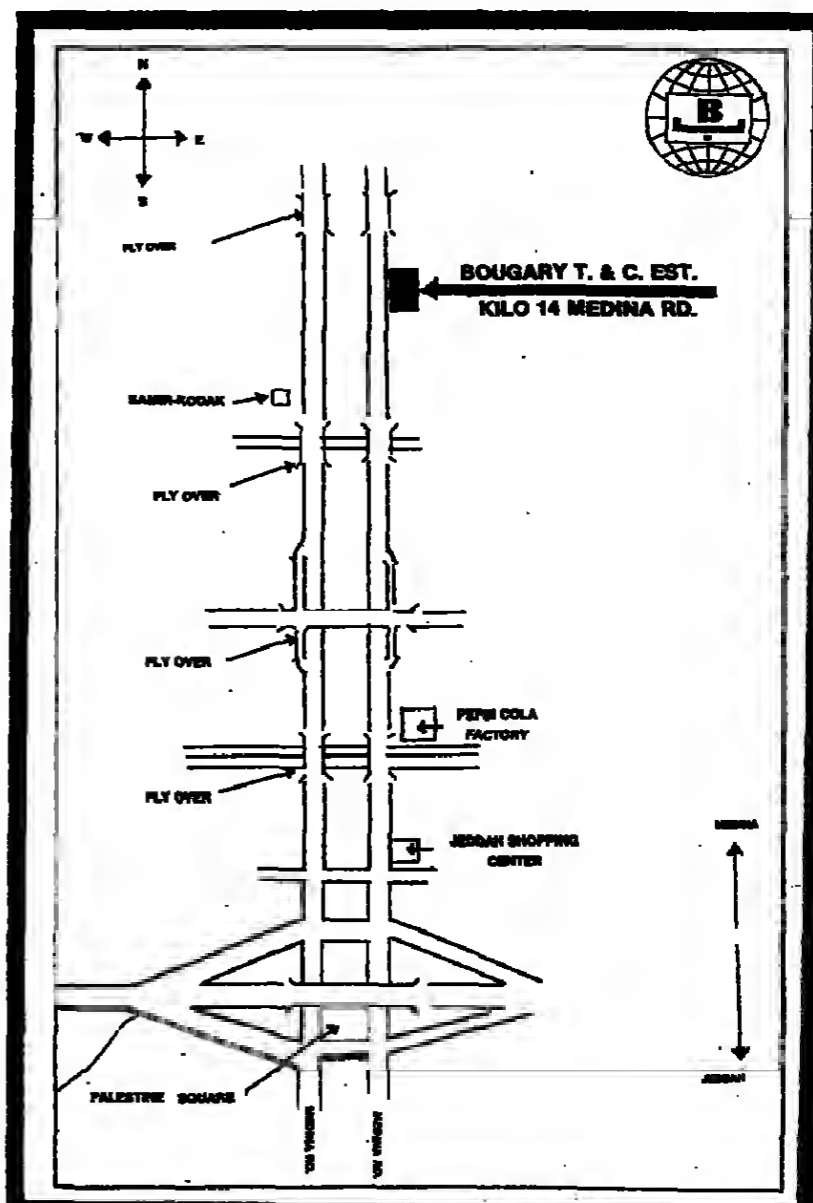
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Unheralded athletes clinch victory Olympic unknowns claim Placid gold

LAKE PLACID, Feb. 15 (AP) — The pre-Olympic chart didn't even mention young Austrian Leonhard Stock in the men's downhill skiing or Holland's Annie Borkink in the women's speed skating.

But Stock and Borkink own the first gold medals of the 1980 Winter Games, after conquering challenging events with spectacular performances Thursday that could set the tone for this ice and snow sports carnival.

Russian cross-country skier Nikolai Zimjatonov also won a gold medal, but hasn't yet received it. There was a massive foul-up at the first awards ceremony. The Russians, apparently, didn't get the word as to when and where it was taking place. They didn't appear. No feeling were hurt. Many apologies were made.

America hoped for better results Friday when Eric Heiden went after the first of a potential five golds, skating in the 500-meter race. Figure skating also got underway as Americans Tai Babilonia and Randy Gardner began their bid to beat defending champions Irina Rodnina and Aleksandr Zaitsev of the Soviet Union in the pairs competition.

Stock, a 21-year-old who almost was left off the Austrian Olympic squad, whipped

Whiteface mountain's physically-demanding downhill course, flashing through the 3,009-meter run in 1 minute, 45.50 seconds. That was a half-second faster than teammate Peter Wirsberger, who was timed in 1:46.12, giving the Austrians a gold-silver sweep in one of the games' most glamorous events. The third place bronze went to Canada's Steve Podborski in 1:46.62.

Borkink, who at age 28 is many years older than most speed skaters, turned in the finest 1,500-meter race of her life to claim the Olympic gold for Holland in 2 minutes, 10.95 seconds. Ria Visser, another Dutch skater, took the silver in 2:12.35 and East Germany's Sabine Becker won the bronze in 2:12.38.

The Soviet Union maintained its mastery of the demanding 30-kilometer cross country event when Zimjatonov, leading from start to finish, delivered the gold in 1 hour, 27 minutes, 2.8 seconds. Teammate Vasily Rochev took the silver in 1:27:34.22, and Bulgaria's Ivan Lebanov won the bronze in 1:28:03.87.

Zimjatonov's gold medal was the 50th the Russians have won in Winter Olympic history and gave them the all-time lead over Norway,

which has won 49.

In other competition Thursday, East Germany's Dettlef Guenther and Vera Zozulya of the Soviet Union again posted the fastest runs in the men's and women's luge to maintain their leads halfway through the competition. Russia's powerful hockey team scored another one-sided victory, routing Holland 17-4. In other hockey games, West Germany defeated Norway 10-4, Sweden shut out Romania 8-0, Canada took Poland 5-1 and the United States upset Czechoslovakia, 7-3.

The opening day's results were a tribute to athletic determination. Stock and Borkink both overcame long odds to win their events.

Stock had come to these games as an alternate but his training runs had bordered on the spectacular and forced Austrian ski federation officials to rethink the makeup of their team. There was a controversial reorganization of the unit on the eve of the race but it paid off in medals.

"I never thought I could win the gold," said Stock. "I had to fight to make the team. I have had some good training runs here, and I had absolutely no problems on the course."

He conquered the intricate bumps and turns at the top of the course and ignored a covering of fresh snow that fell throughout the race and made the course tricky.

The snow was also falling on the speed skating rink when Borkink, a nurse who nearly quit the sport because of an ankle injury, achieved a greater accomplishment, because, like skier Stock, she almost had been left off her country's Olympic team.

When she finished ninth in the World Championships last month, it looked like Borkink would be passed over for these games. But a 2:11.35 time for a 1,500-meter race in Switzerland later in the month allowed her to make the team.

Nineteen of the 30 women in Thursday's race shattered the Olympic record of 2:16.58 set in 1976 by Galina Stepanovskaya of the Soviet Union.

The 30-kilometer race, first cross country ever held on man-made snow, was a triumph once more for the Russians, who won the Olympic event for the first time. Policies remained at center stage of the games with a statement by the United States Olympic Committee that America might pass up the Summer Games at Moscow.

"The USOC will accept any decision concerning our participation in the games the president makes in view of his analysis of what is best for the country," USOC said.

President Jimmy Carter repeatedly has urged that the United States stay out of the Moscow games unless the Soviet Union withdraws its troops from Afghanistan by Feb. 20.

Robert Kane, President of USOC, said the formal decision would be made at the body's House of Delegates meeting April 11-13 at Colorado Springs.

Connors coasts to victory in Rancho Mirage

RANCHO MIRAGE, California, Feb. 15 (AP) — Top-seeded Jimmy Connors of the U.S. rolled to a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Geoff Masters of Australia Thursday in a second-round singles match of the \$250,000 Men's Tennis Tournament at Mission Hills Country Club.

Connors needed only 57 minutes to eliminate Masters and advance to third round. Weather permitting, he was to meet either John Sadri or Fritz Buehning, both of the U.S., Thursday night.

Sadri and Buehning squared off in a second-round match earlier Thursday night. The tournament schedule was hampered by the postponement of all matches Wednesday due to rain.

The inclement weather caused several delays in Thursday's play, but officials were still hoping that the tournament would end Sunday, as originally scheduled.

Terry Holladay, one of the hardest hitters in women's tennis, wore down third-seeded Billie Jean King and won 7-5, 2-6, 6-0 Thursday night in the quarterfinals of Oakland's \$150,000 women's tennis tournament.

The unseeded Holladay, a tall, left-handed player from Del Mar, Calif., followed Evonne Goolagong Cawley into the semifinals. Cawley beat Greer Stevens of South Africa 7-6, 6-0 Thursday afternoon.

Top-seeded Martina Navratilova reached the quarterfinals by winning her 21st consecutive singles match, 6-3, 6-2 over Virginia Ruzici of Romania.

Holladay, who had not advanced past the second round of any tournament this year, was behind 30-0 in the opening game of the third set, with King serving.

Holladay then took control by winning 11 consecutive points. The Avon Championship of California quarterfinals conclude Friday night, with Navratilova playing Kathy Jordan and Rosie Casals meeting fifth-seeded Virginia Wade.

Meanwhile, Bjorn Borg doesn't particularly like playing doubles but he has to like the incentive used to get him into such a match.

Borg will team with fiancée Mariana Simionescu in a \$150,000 "Love Doubles" match against John and Chris Evert Lloyd, it was announced Wednesday. The match will be played May 19 in London and will be televised by the U.S. television network ABC.

The winning team will get \$90,000 and the losers \$60,000 in the best-of-three sets match. Those are numbers anyone, even a millionaire like Borg, can't ignore.

"I don't play doubles except once or twice a year," says Borg, the top-ranked men's singles player in the world. "It's tough to play both. I like to accentuate the singles and be consistent."

Simionescu was one of the best players in Romania but hadn't participated on the women's tour for several years. She's just now resuming her career with the futures tour.

"We both decided she should not play as much because I was much more successful so I kept going," says Borg.

Arsenal faces Bolton starting quarter finals

LONDON, Feb. 15 (R) — Arsenal, the holders, face a taxing Football Association (F.A.) cup match at Bolton on Saturday when quarter final places are contested.

But though Bolton, currently propping up the first division, would surprise fans if they knock out their London visitors, the real shock would be if third division Bury, five miles (eight km) from Bolton, beat Liverpool, who leads the championship race and hopes to combine a league and cup triumph.

Liverpool was knocked out of the less venerable Football League Cup by Nottingham Forest 2-1 on aggregate two nights ago and Bury must fear that the reaction will hit them.

Alan Kennedy, the Liverpool left back, confronts his elder brother Keith, who has filled the same role for Bury in more than 300 matches.

Bolton's chances of holding Arsenal may depend on mustering the courage of despair. Their first division life looks doomed but the cup offers hope of consolation.

Acting manager Stan Anderson has converted striker Alan Gowling into a defender and the Arsenal spearhead, Alan Sunderland and Frank Stapleton, are sure to keep him busy.

Gifted Duncan McKenzie takes the stage again Saturday looking to prove that he is still one of the game's greatest talents.

McKenzie, a forward with boundless skill but rather less motivation, has settled with third division Blackburn Rovers after a career that has seen him serve Nottingham Forest, Mansfield, Leeds United, Anderlecht, Everton and Chelsea with varying degrees of success.

Under player-manager Howard Kendall, once the youngest player to play in an FA Cup final, Blackburn has won six straight matches, moved into the third division promotion race and now faces Aston Villa in the fifth round of the Cup Saturday.

Blackburn has a great cup tradition, having won the trophy six times, unfortunately, the last of those famous victories was in 1928 and club fortunes have declined steadily over the past two decades.

Kendall, once a spirited, intelligent midfielder with Everton, has revitalized a somnolent club. He has got the best out of McKenzie and stirred real interest in Blackburn, a grimy northern industrial city.

The meeting with Aston Villa Saturday is the most intriguing of Saturday's eight cup fixtures. McKenzie, one of soccer's most eloquent characters, will be hoping to prove a point or two.

"I wasn't looking forward to joining Blackburn, but strangely enough, this is the one club where I have been really happy," he says. McKenzie has scored 11 goals from midfield and helped Blackburn to victory over Coventry in the last round.

"We've got a settled side now, we've won six games in a row and confidence is really high." All of which makes unhappy reading



LOOKIN' UP: Frank Stapleton of Arsenal gets in a high overhead kick in a recent match against Aston Villa, while opponents Allan Evans, No 4 and Ken McNaught, No 5 can only stand and watch.

for high-flying Villa, one of the first division's form teams.

While Blackburn is bidding for cup glory at Ewood Park, near Lancashire neighbor Bury, another third division club, will be attempting soccer's version of scaling Mount Everest.

Nottingham Forest Tuesday came within 50 seconds of ending Liverpool's remarkable 55-match run, but substitute David Fairclough, scorer of six goals in under two hours of first team football this season, grabbed a late equalizer that saved the unbeaten record but failed to keep Liverpool in the League Cup.

A surprise looks out of the question. Liverpool will certainly not produce another performance of such staggering midfield ineptitude as on Tuesday.

At Goodison Park, where manager Gordon Lee is barely hanging on to his job, Ever-

ton entertains second division Wrexham. Merseyside rumors suggest the sack for Lee if Everton fails to win Saturday. Striker Dixie McNeill poses the biggest threat to the home team.

Chester, the third survivor from the third division, is away to resurgent Ipswich.

"Everyone expects us to get beaten, but as the underdogs we'll probably raise our effort by 50 per cent," says defender John Cottam. "If Ipswich is just a shade lackadaisical... Then we could provide the sort of shock result we produced at Newcastle in the last round."

Chester, managed by another former Manchester City player, Alan Oakes, will take 1,500 supporters to Portman Road where Ipswich will be without star striker Paul Mariner, who was given a one match suspension Wednesday.

Fifth consecutive victory Bucks gain on Kansas City

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (AP) — Marquies Johnson and the rest of the Milwaukee Bucks pulled away after intermission for a 120-103 victory over the Warriors that left them just 2½ games behind first-place Kansas City in the National Basketball Association's Midwest division.

In winning its fifth consecutive game, Milwaukee was led by Johnson's 25 points, 20 by Junior Bridgeman and 14 apiece by Dave Meyers and Bob Lanier. Johnson added 11 rebounds, seven assists, three steals and two blocked shots.

Guards Dennis Johnson and Gus Williams combined for 18 third-quarter points as Seattle recorded its seventh consecutive victory. The Sonics regained their touch in the third quarter and outscored the nuggets 16-2 over the final six minutes.

The recent trade with Portland for Maurice

Lucas paid its first dividend for the New Jersey Nets Wednesday night.

Lucas scored 21 points, had 12 rebounds and put the Nets ahead for good with 1:02 left, as New Jersey recorded a 98-96 triumph over the Indiana Pacers.

Lucas received plenty of help from 19-year-old rookie Cliff Robinson, who contributed 16 points, and Ed Jordan, who had 14 points plus eight steals.

Walter Davis hit two free throws with 10 seconds remaining to boost Phoenix to its come-from-behind 135-134 victory over Boston that ended the Celtics' seven-game winning streak. The Suns, who trailed by as many as 11 in the final period, outscored the Celtics 14-4 in the final two minutes. Davis had 20 points while Paul Westphal led the Suns with 34 and Len "Truck" Robinson had 24, offsetting a career-high 45-point effort by Boston rookie Larry Bird.

Bobby Jones led a balanced Philadelphia attack with 23 points while Steve Mix scored 18 and Julius Erving had 16 and Caldwell Jones snared 20 rebounds, to lead the 76ers to a 107-85 victory over the Utah Jazz.

Reserve James Bailey and starter Dennis Johnson rallied Seattle to a 38-point fourth-quarter deficit. The Sonics have won six in a row while Atlanta's seven-game winning streak came to an end. Seattle ran off 11 straight points midway in the final quarter for a 82-77 lead for a 93-86 victory.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 32 points and handed out 11 assists to lead Los Angeles 129-103 over the Trail Blazers and he didn't even play during the final 14 minutes as the Lakers won their first game in four tries.

Milwaukee rolled over Chicago 111-101 behind 32 points by Junior Bridgeman and 23 by Brian Winters. Winters scored 13 points in the third period to help Milwaukee open a 90-77 lead and the Bucks went on to post their fourth consecutive victory.

Robert Reid scored 13 fourth-quarter points and Moses Malone earned six free throws in the final two minutes to rally Houston, which trailed 108-102 with a 4½ minutes left.

Recently acquired John Williamson scored 12 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter as Washington rallied to defeat San Diego 108-103. The Clippers led 62-50 at halftime and 83-80 after three quarters before Williamson triggered the fourth-quarter rally.

Mike Mitchell scored 20 of his 40 points in the final period to help Cleveland snap a five-game losing streak while sending the Pistons to their seventh consecutive setback and 44th in 58 games. Final score, Cavaliers 107, Pistons 102.

Holmes, Leonard share annual boxing honors

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (R) — Heavyweight champion Larry Holmes and fellow-American welterweight title holder Sugar Ray Leonard were named co-winners of the 1979 "Fighter of the Year" award by the World Boxing Council (WBC).

Angelo Dundee, Leonard's manager, was proclaimed "Manager of the Year," while lightweight champion Jim Watt of Britain and former featherweight champion, American Danny Lopez, were honored for their "exemplary performance in the ring."

Super-heavyweight champion Wilfredo Gomez was also honored for his record of 11 consecutive knockouts in title defenses.

As "fight of the year," the WBC selected Nicaraguan Alexis Arguello's successful defense of his junior lightweight title against Puerto Rican Alfredo Escalera.

Two heavyweight championship bouts were nominated "fights of the decade," Muhammad Ali-Joe Frazier in Manila in 1973 and Holmes-Ken Norton in Las Vegas, Nevada, in 1978.

Meanwhile, Marjan Benes of Yugoslavia retained his European super-welterweight boxing championship Wednesday night by outpointing Italian challenger Domenico Lassandro in a 12-round bout.

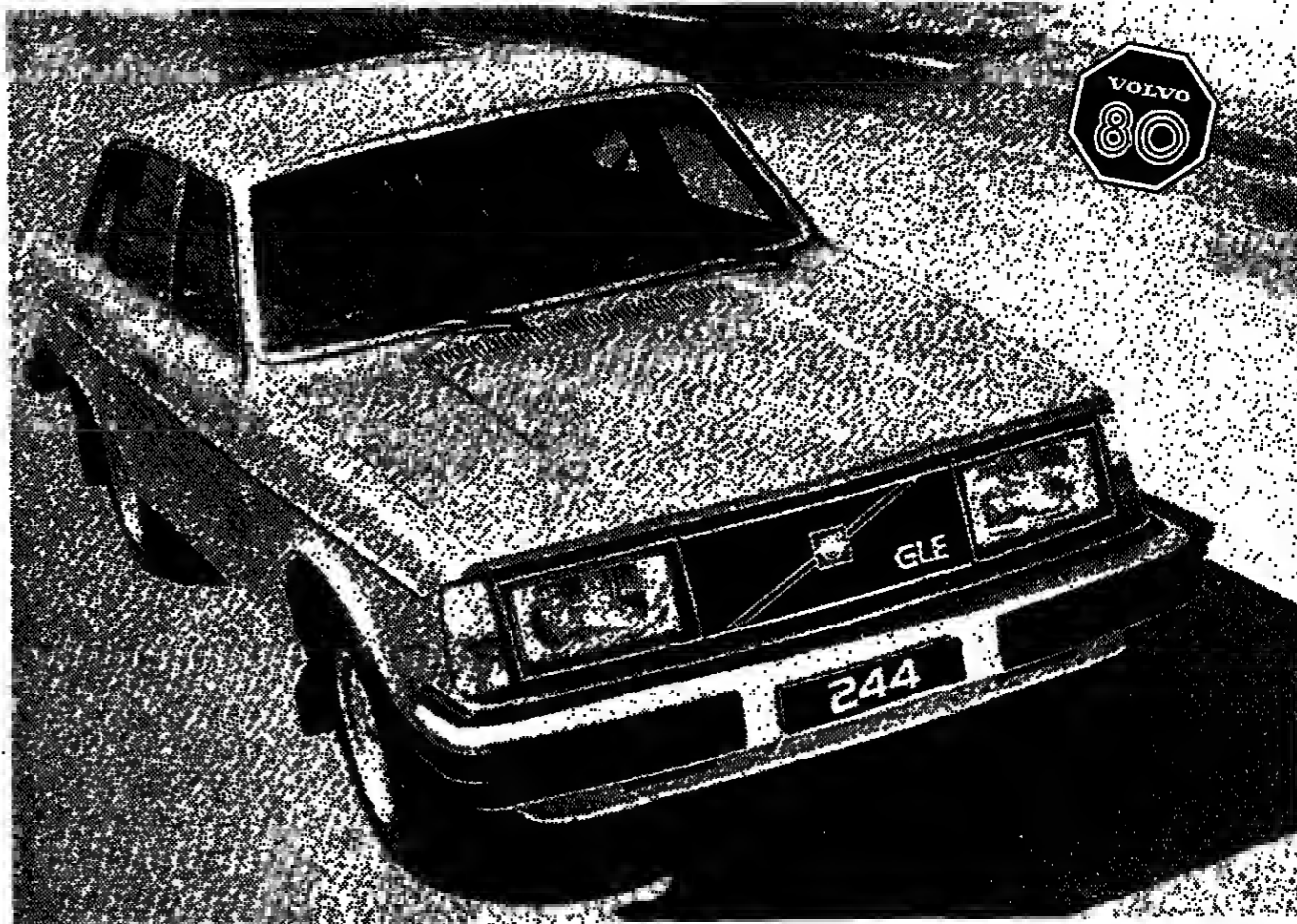
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Trade agency forecast

International commerce growth slows in 1980

GENEVA, Feb. 15 (R) — International commerce is likely to grow in 1980 despite uncertain economic prospects, but at a slower rate than in 1979, the world's leading trade monitoring agency forecast Friday.

A preliminary review of last year's developments and the present outlook by the secretariat of the 85-nation General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) said immediate prospects were not encouraging.

"The long-impending United States recession is generally expected to be mild and of

not more than average duration.

"However, with increased political uncertainty, and a weakened state of business confidence, greater allowance must be made for the unexpected," the review said.

"Unless the recession becomes generalized among all the major industrial countries, which at this point appears unlikely, the volume of world trade should show a further gain, although not as large as in 1979."

The GATT document said world trade grew in volume by nearly seven per cent in 1979 to more than \$1,600 billion. It expanded by six per cent in 1978.

The review said the return of double-figure inflation rates in several large industrialized countries and reversal of downward price trends in others were important setbacks.

The shock to general economic confidence was reflected in a sharp rise in the price of gold. Consequent increases in the value of official and private gold holdings could further complicate efforts to control inflation, it said.

Economic policy aimed at controlling inflation should combine monetary restraint with measures to promote competition and make economies more flexible.

Governments should also seek to minimize price distortions.

"An important example of this was allowing domestic energy prices to reflect world market prices, the review said.

"At a minimum there should be strong resistance to the introduction of new controls and distortions, including those which inevitably result from policies designed to restrict imports or artificially boost exports," it said.

The GATT secretariat said two major problems in the 1980s would be energy prices and supplies, and recycling of new financial surpluses of major oil exporting countries.

Uncertainty about energy would hinder investment planning, it said. This and other uncertainties explained the low level of mixed investment in the second half of the 1970s.

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| Climax Pearl | O. Trade | Durra | 13.2.80 |
| Molda | Alsbah | Bulk Cement | 13.2.80 |
| Dione | Sindi | Gen. S.Govt. Cargo | 13.2.80 |
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| 21. | Asia Lark (D.B.) | Alreza | Bulk Cement | 7.2.80 |
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| 31. | Koacheg | Algosaihi | Ro-Ro N Gen. | 11.2.80 |
| 35. | Tor Scandinavia | Karoo | General | 14.2.80 |
| 36. | Prima Vera | SMC | Bulk Cement | 11.2.80 |

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| Maldiva Envoy | Orri | General Cargo | 13.2.80 |

Nigeria booms economically in democracy

Lagos, Feb. 15 (R) — The last oil price rises sent a shiver through the governments of most black Africa countries but in Nigeria, the continent's most populous nation, an economic boom is resuming.

After 13 years of military rule, Nigeria's new experiment in democracy under the civilian government of President Shugu Shagari has been given a flying start.

This month Nigeria raised the price of its highly valued "sweet" crude by \$4 to \$34.20 a barrel, estimated oil revenues will soar from \$10 billion in 1978 to nearly \$30 billion in 1980.

Some 45 per cent of Nigeria's 2.2 million barrels daily production goes to the United States, making it the second biggest U.S. supplier after Saudi Arabia.

Only 18 months ago western experts were writing that the economy had taken a sharp downturn and the military government instituted a period of belt-tightening, wage freezes and import curbs.

But after Iran's revolution and production cutback led oil prices last year, Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo, preparing to hand over to civilian government, was able to impose a Nigerian production ceiling of 2.2 million barrels.

In the last months before the civilian government took over last October, Nigeria's role of previous years was suddenly reversed.

It joined those OPEC members making the running in price increases surcharges and market premiums while foreign oil companies had to accept an increase in state participation from 55 to 60 per cent, bringing Nigeria in line with other members.

In July the generals nationalized the assets of British Petroleum (BP).

Proven reserves in Nigerian fields are estimated at about 18 billion barrels which indicates a life of about 20 years at present output — but large areas, especially offshore, have yet to be explored and concessions are only now being offered in these regions.

Nigeria's refining capacity, at present 160,000 barrels a day, is due to be increased this year by 100,000 barrels with the completion of a second refinery.

Market opens up with heavy gains

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 — The market opened sharply on the upside Wednesday breaking through the 900 level churning in heavy trading and continued to post heavy advances in the mid afternoon. However, a slight pullback began about 2.30 and stocks gave up some of their earlier gains closing at 4.86 at 903.84. Shortly after midday trading, the DJIA surpassed its Sept. 11, 1978 close of 907.74 with optimism concerning the Iranian hostages a force behind the strength.

Breadth remained on the positive side throughout the day as advancing issues led declines 9 to 5 at one point. Advancing issues giving up its wide margin closed slightly ahead of declining issues 501 vs 749 with 377 unchanged.

Volume surpassed the 46 million mark by 2.00 losing momentum in late afternoon. Trading totaled 65.79 million shares at the close. The DJIA followed the DJIA's action but slipped into negative trading in the last hour of trading and recovered slightly to close on the upside 49 at 297.72. The DJIA stayed in positive territory closing up .54 at 1134.6. The AMEX lost 1.17 to 287.74 and

Yamani predicts unification of OPEC prices by June

CARACAS, Feb. 15 (AP) — A reunification of OPEC oil prices, which some major producers believe would bring order to currently chaotic market conditions, will not come about immediately although it might occur by mid-year, Saudi Arabian oil minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani says.

Yamani, quoted by Caracas newspapers at a recent news conference in Riyadh, said Saudi Arabia opposes across-the-board oil production cuts by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries without there first being a single-tier price that also compensates for different qualities of oil.

The news conference was held in conjunction with the visit of Venezuelan President Luis Herrera Campins to seven OPEC member states. Herrera Campins whose government has strongly supported a unified price system and individual member policies of OPEC production, flew to Iraq Wednesday to help make plans for OPEC's 20th anniversary summit meeting in Baghdad next October.

The lack of agreement among the 13 OPEC members at the semi-annual meeting of oil ministers here last December allowed each producing nation to fix its own price.

Yamani told reporters in Riyadh that a leveling off of demand for oil could create conditions for OPEC to set a single price by mid-year. OPEC ministers are to meet in Algiers in June.

"We now have some indicators that the previous shortage (of oil) is coming to an end and a small surplus is indicated," Yamani was quoted as saying.

Oil tax considered

STRASBOURG, France Feb. 15 (AP) — The European Commission will be asked next week to consider a proposal for a tax on oil that would raise revenues and encourage the development of alternative energy sources.

Guido Brunner, the commissioner for energy, said Thursday he would propose the idea and hoped the commission would reach a decision or at least a "firm orientation" at its meeting next week.

Brunner described the tax as "modest," perhaps 40 cents a barrel, on consumption, imports, production, or some combination of the three. The tax would produce \$1.5 billion and raise the price of oil only one half of 1 per cent, he said.

"If we don't do something now, the price of oil will go up anyway," Brunner said in an interview.

On the NASDAQ Comp. gained 41 to 164.98.

On the days NYSE most active, Colgate Palmolive led 1/4 to 13 1/4, Capital Holding Corp. lost 1/4 to 19 1/4, IBM gained 1/4 to 69 1/4, Gulf and Western off 1/4 to 21 1/4, Texaco Inc. lost 1 to 38, Baxter labs dropped 2 1/2 to 40 1/4, Tesoro Petroleum gained 1/4 to 26 1/4, Intl Tel and Tel gained 1 to 29 1/4, Valero Energy lost 1 to 21 1/4 and Dow Chemical dropped 1 1/4 to 38 1/4.

Growth and glamour continued to show positive performance. Abbott Labs up 1/4 to 39 1/4, Eli Lilly up 1/4 to 56 1/4, Smithkline up 1/4 to 56 1/4, Merck dropped 1 1/4 to 67 1/4, Barrington lost 1 to 77 1/4, MMM gained 1 1/4 to 53 1/4, Motorola up 2 1/4 to 61 1/4, Computervision up 1 1/4 to 57 1/4, Hewlett Pack up 1 to 69 1/4, Philip Morris gained 1 1/4 to 35, Amer. Bridges lost 1/4 to 34 1/4 and Time Inc. gained 2 1/4 to 52 1/4.

Basic industry issues were also positive performers with Colt Ind. up 1 1/4 to 52 1/4, US Steel gained 1/4 to 21 1/4, Allied Chem up 2 to 60 1/4, Monsanto up 1 1/4 to 54 1/4, Union Carbide up 1/4 to 45, Kimberly Clark up 1 1/4 to 46 1/4, Ft. Howard Paper up 1 to 43, Boise Cascade lost 1/4 to 40 1/4 and Finc. Federation up 1 1/4 to 31 1/4.

Auto and machinery issues closed up on the day. Ford up 1/4 to 33, General Motors up 1/4 to 53 1/4, Bucyrus Erie up 1/4 to 21, Caterpillar up 1 1/4 to 57, and Intl Harvester up 1/4 to 35 1/4.

Energy issues closed mixed. Freeport Mins. up 1/4 to 69 1/4, Getty Oil down 1 to 92 1/4, Std. of Ind. up 2 1/4 to 110 1/4, Std. of Ohio up 1 to 108, Std. of Cal. down 1 1/4 to 71 1/4, Dresser up 2 1/4 to 54, Intl drwa 1/4 to 42 1/4 and Murphy Oil up 1 to 111 1/4.

In the aerospace, airlines and rails, Boeing lost 8 1/4 to 63 1/4, Raytheon up 1/4 to 79, General Dynamics down 1 1/4 to 74 1/4, Transworld up 1/4 to 15 1/4 and Burlington Northern lost 1 1/4 to 74 1/4, precious metals were lower and metal issues were up slightly mixed.

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Venezuela quadruples oil to Italy

ROME, Feb. 15 (R) — Venezuela will quadruple its oil supplies to Italy under an agreement signed in Caracas, the Italian state oil group ENI has announced.

Under the agreement, the Venezuelan state oil company will supply ENI with two million tons, or about 14.6 million barrels, of crude oil and oil products this year.

Last year Italy bought 500,000 tons of heavy crude from Venezuela.

The deal will help narrow the gap between Italy's oil needs for this year and the amount it has secured through state, multinational and dependent companies.

Industry Minister Antonio Bisaglia recently estimated the gap at eight million tons.

ENI's loss of an important oil contract with Saudi Arabia due to alleged payoffs, and high prices on the spot oil market have combined to create the forecast shortfall.

Venezuela, which has abundant quantities of low-quality heavy crude oil, has discovered higher-grade light oil in an area near the Orinoco River, the state oil company announced Wednesday.

The state news agency Venpress said the discovery in the eastern state of Anzoategui, some 320 kilometers southeast of Caracas, "opens new perspectives as to production of light crudes in the country."

Tests of the new well produced 2,184 barrels a day of oil slightly lower in quality than Saudi Arabian light crude, the traditional benchmark on which Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries prices are based, the government said.

Saudi crude oil now fetches \$26 per 42-gallon barrel. Venezuela charges \$28 for oil of the same quality.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

| Authority | Description | No. of Tender 7/M | Price SR 100 | Closing Date Mar. 4 |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Ministry of Education | Construction and fencing of a sunshade for vehicles at the Directorate of Archeology on Khurais, road, Riyadh | 565 | 100 | Feb. 18 |
| Ministry of Health | Cleaning of 21 clinics in Medina | | | Feb. 20 |
| Directorate of Education, Nejrhan | Construction of Al-Malika School, B Model, concrete roof | | | |
| Ministry of Agriculture and Water | Sinking of three hand wells | 47/1 | 500 | Feb. 18 |
| " " " | Deepening of three hand wells Jafna, Mustajiddah and Ghazalah | 48/1 | 200 | Feb. 19 |
| " " " | Drilling of a tubewell in Al-Zilli | 49/1 | 200 | Feb. 20 |
| Islamic University, Medina | Extensions to the Central Library and the House of Islamic Heritage | 13 | 1000 | Feb. 23 |

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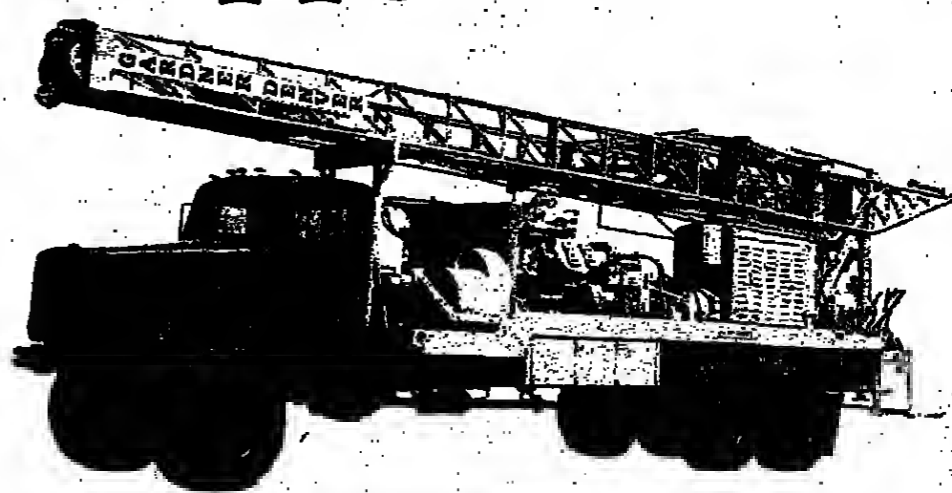
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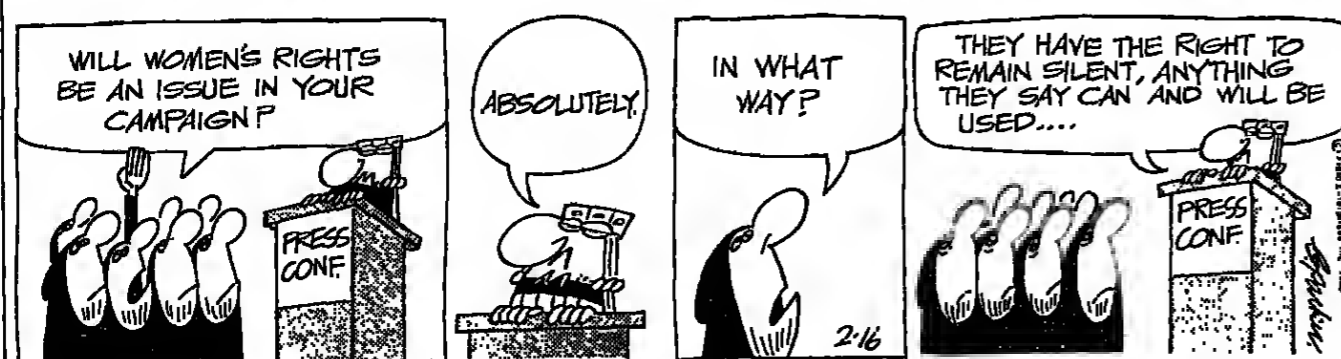
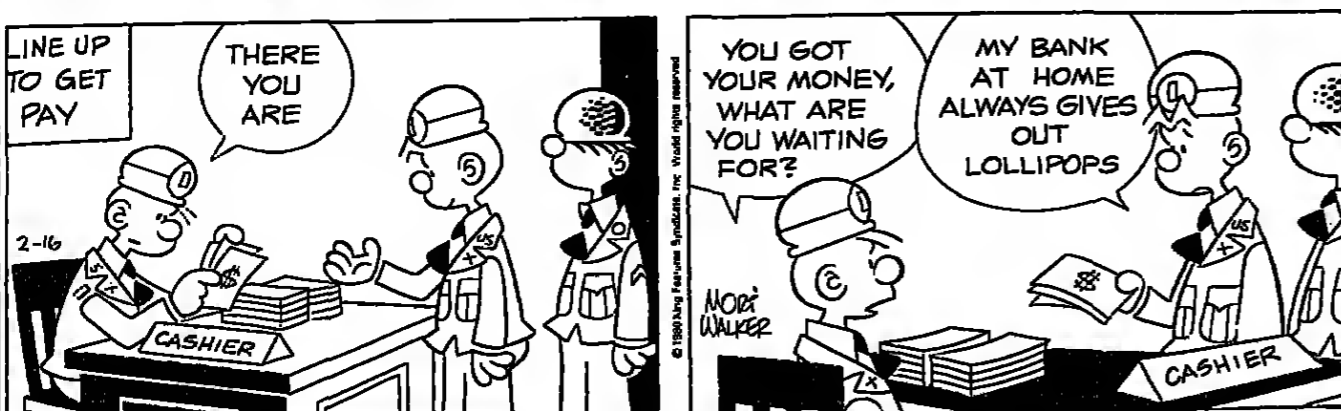
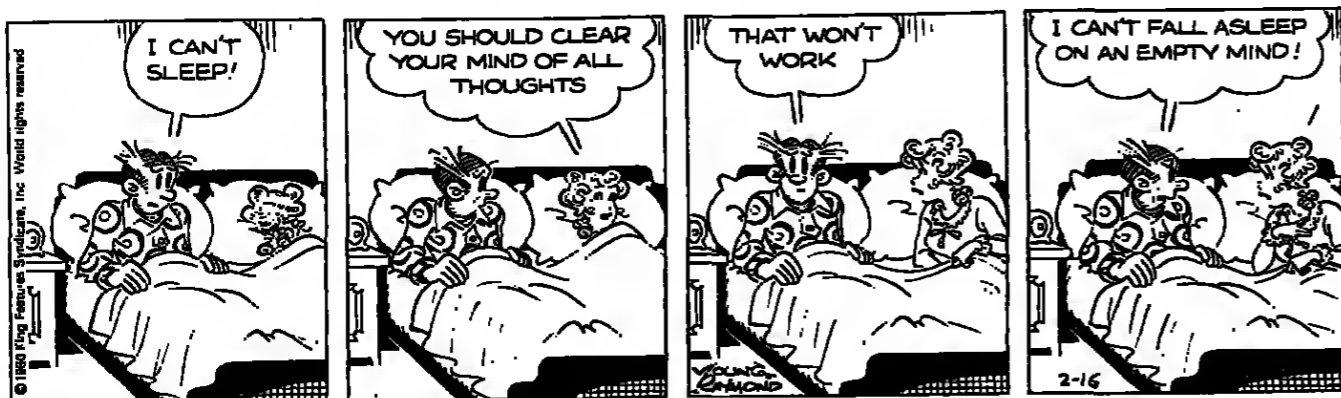
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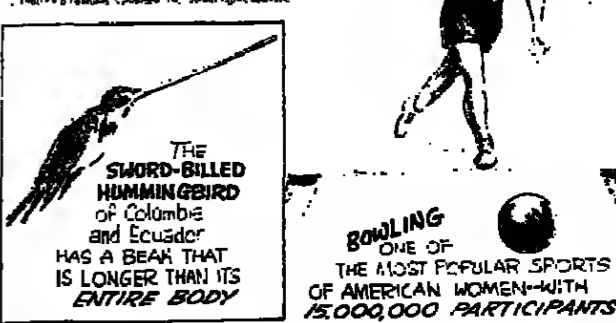
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♥ 7 5
♦ 10 5
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♥ 9 8
♦ K 6 2
♣ K 10 6 4 3

EAST
♠ K J 8 6 3 2
♥ A Q J 8 7
♦ Q 4 3
♣ J 8 5

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
3 NT 3 NT

Opening lead — four of clubs.

The basic purpose of a safety play is to try to protect against a real or imagined unfavorable distribution of the adverse cards. Thus, if

declarer has K-Q-10-x-x of a suit facing dummy's A-J-x-x, he can assure five tricks by first leading the king. This protects him against J-x-x-x in either opponent's hand. But if

declarer started by leading the ace first, he could no longer be 100 per cent sure of scoring all five tricks in the suit.

The accompanying hand is an unusual example of a safety play. The declarer was

Harold Ogust, New York expert, and he got to three notrump on the bidding shown. West led a club, won by South with the queen, and

Ogust resisted the temptation to cash the K-Q of spades in the hope of scoring six spade tricks. Instead, he

overtook his queen of spades with dummy's ace! Had he found the spades divided 3-2, he would have played a third round, thus assuring nine

tricks. But East showed out on the ace of spades, and now the wisdom of Ogust's farsighted

safety play is dramatically apparent. He led the ten of diamonds from dummy and it did not matter whether or not East covered with the

queen. If East played the queen, Ogust would win with the ace, return the jack of diamonds, and thus guarantee nine tricks consisting of two spades, one heart, four diamonds and two clubs.

And if East played the three on dummy's ten of diamonds, Ogust would make the same nine tricks, after losing the ten to West's king, by later taking another diamond finesse through East's Q-4.

Had Ogust cashed the K-Q of spades at the start — as most players would make the same have done — he probably would have ended up going down one.

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PRAYER TIMES

| Saturday | Fajr | Israq | Dhuhr | Assr | Maghreb | Isha |
|----------|------|-------|-------|------|---------|------|
| Mecca | 5:37 | 6:56 | 12:42 | 3:59 | 6:23 | 7:52 |
| Medina | 5:41 | 6:57 | 12:43 | 3:58 | 6:19 | 7:49 |
| Nejd | 5:07 | 5:28 | 12:10 | 3:26 | 5:47 | 7:17 |

DHAHRAN TV

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| 4:30 | Children's Show | Mr. Rogers: Going To The Hospital |
| 5:26 | Family Hour Festival | It's A Mile From Here To Glory |
| 6:14 | Disneyland Safety Film | Proud Bird Of Shanghai |
| 7:07 | All In The Family | Passing On Hills |
| 7:33 | The Prisoner | 605 |
| 8:22 | Hart To Hart | Do Not Forsake Me |
| 9:10 | The Bold Ones | On My Darling death In The Slow Lane |
| | | Tightrope To Tomorrow |

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2:00 Opening

2:01 Holy Quran

2:05 Gems of Guidance

2:10 Islamic Activities

in Focus

2:20 On Islam

2:30 Hits in Germany

3:00 NEWS

3:10 Press Review

3:15 Music

3:20 Majesty of Islam

3:30

3:40 Light Music

3:50 Closedown

Evening Transmission

9:00 Opening

9:01 Holy Quran

9:05 Gems of Guidance

9:10 Light Music

9:15 Melody Makers

9:45 The Golden Age

10:00 A Viewpoint

10:10 Music

10:15 NEWS

10:25 S.A. —

Daily Chronicle

10:30 Hope and Music

11:00 A Leaf from Life's

Notebook

11:10 Music

11:15 Mood Music

11:45 On Islam

12:00 Concert Choice

12:45 A Rendezvous

with Dreams

01:00 Closedown

VOA

P.M.

8:00 News Roundup

Reports: Actualities

Opinion: Analyses

8:30 Dateline

News Summary

Special English:

News: Feature: The

Making of a Nation

News Summary

9:30 Music USA:

(Standards)

10:00 News Roundup

Reports: Actualities

10:05 Opening: Analyses

News Summary

10:30 VOC Magazine

America: Letter

Cultural: Letter

11:00 Special English: News

11:30 Music U.S.: (Jazz)

VOA WORLD REPORT

Midnight

12:00 News newsmakers'

voices: correspondents

reports background

features media

comments news analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission

8:00 World News

8:09 Twenty-Four Hours

News Summary

8:30 Sarah Ward

8:45 World Today

9:00 Newsdesk

9:30 Opera Star

10:00 World News

10:09 Twenty-Four Hours

News Summary

10:30 Sarah Ward

10:45 Something to Show

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11:00 World News

11:09 Reflections

11:15 Piano Style

11:30 Brain of Britain 1978

12:00 World News

12:09 British Press Review

12:15 World Today

12:30 Financial News

12:40 Look Ahead

12:45 The Tony Myatt

Evening Transmission

1:15 Ulster in Focus

1:30 Discovery

2:00 World News

2:09 News about Britain

2:15 Alphabet of Musical

Curios

2:30 Sports International

2:40 Radio Newsreel

3:15 Promenade Concert

3:45 Sports Round-up

4:00 World News

24.00 Twenty-Four Hours:

News Summary

4:30 The Pleasure's Yours

5:15 Report on Religion

6:00 Radio Newsreel

6:15 Outlook

7:00 World News

7:09 Commentary

7:15 Sherlock Holmes

7:45 World Today

8:00 World News

8:09 Books and Writers

8:30 Take One

8:45 Sports Round-up

9:00 World News

9:09 News about Britain

9:15 Radio Newsreel

9:30 Farming World

10:00 Outlook News Sum-

mary

10:39 Stock Market Report

10:43 Look Ahead

10:45 Ulster in Focus

11:00 World News

11:09 Twenty-Four Hours:

News Summary

12:15 Talkabout

12:45 Nature Notebook

1:00 World News

1:09 World Today

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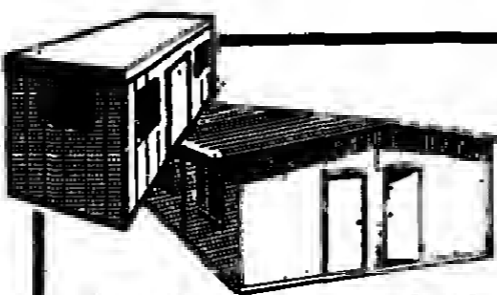
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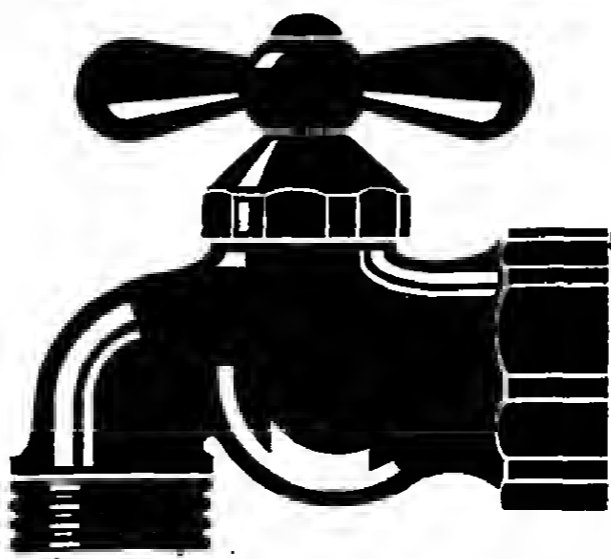
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Hostages' freedom near, Ghotbzadeh hints

Shah report key to release

ROME, Feb. 15 (Agencies) — Iranian Foreign Minister Sadeq Ghotbzadeh said Friday the American hostages in the U.S. embassy in Tehran would not be released until after a proposed U.N.-sponsored commission published its results.

"No one will be free until after the results of the commission are announced," the Iranian foreign minister said in an interview. Ghotbzadeh added that U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim had telephoned him early Friday morning to tell him the commission would start work within the next two days.

He said Waldheim told him he was still contacting various parties he envisaged should be members of the committee.

Ghotbzadeh said: "The most important thing is to get the work of this commission started. If it gets down to serious studies, I am certain it will facilitate the release of the Americans."

Asked whether relatives of the hostages could be optimistic, the foreign minister said: "Yes, certainly so."

Iranian President Abdolhassan Bani-Sadr meanwhile, said the hostages could be freed "in a matter of 48 hours" if U.S. President Jimmy Carter accepts his conditions. But Carter said he doesn't expect the issue to be resolved before at least late February.

U.S. officials asked Iran to clarify its conditions.

Bani-Sadr, asked if the U.N. panel would convene in Iran, told reporters in Tehran Thursday that "things are in line for me to make that announcement but I am waiting to see if the U.S. will accept our conditions."

He reiterated his three demands on the United States for release of the hostages: acknowledgement of alleged U.S. crimes against the Iranian people during the Shah's reign; a pledge not to meddle in Iranian affairs; and agreement not to block efforts to return the Shah and his wealth to Iran.

But Bani-Sadr, who this week told the

French newspaper *Le Monde* that Ayatollah Khomeini had agreed to the plan, hedged that comment. "Earlier I was asked if the Imam (Khomeini) agrees with the proposal and I answered I think he will agree."

Carter has said the United States will not take the blame for a CIA-backed coup that restored the Shah to power in 1953, and the State Department has said it will not "profess guilt" for any subsequent Iranian developments.

The Carter administration is already officially on record as admitting that serious human rights abuses took place in Iran during the reign of the Shah.

The admission, contained in the State Department's latest report on human rights, could help satisfy the demands of Iran's revolutionary government and contribute to the release of the hostages sources in Washington believe.

In its 1979 country report on Iran, the State Department admitted that during the Shah's reign "many thousands of Iranians were imprisoned for political reasons and a significant number were reportedly tortured."

The report also states that "in 1978 and early 1979, violence against persons demonstrating against the Shah's rule, by the Shah's security forces, took at least several thousand lives."

Sources believe Carter may call attention to these admissions in lieu of offering Bani-Sadr a formal apology for the Shah's human rights abuses.

On Wednesday, Carter raised hopes that a U.N. probe of the ousted Shah could lead to the release of the hostages, telling a news conference, "an appropriate commission, with a carefully defined purpose, would be a step toward resolution of the crisis."

Dismissing speculation the hostages could be freed by the weekend, Carter said he did not expect their release before the New Hampshire primary election Feb. 27.

According to an article in the San Francisco *Herald Examiner*, Carter communicated secretly with Khomeini three times through Charge d'Affaires L. Bruce Laingen, the top American diplomat in Tehran. Laingen and two other American officials have been held in the Iranian foreign ministry since militants occupied the U.S. embassy and seized the hostages Nov. 4.

In the coded messages, the newspaper said Carter sought to convince Khomeini of the danger that the Soviet Union might take advantage of the turmoil in Iran.

From Panama comes the report that the Iranian government has reportedly selected a former president of Panama's supreme court to represent Iran in any possible extradition proceedings against the former Shah.

A local newspaper, *La Republica*, said Juan Materno Vazquez would act as the Iranian government's lawyer in any extradition case. The paper said Materno Vazquez would travel to Iran in the next few days.

Materno Vazquez was out of Panama City and unavailable for immediate comment.

The government has denied all reports that the former Shah is under detention and cannot leave his Contadora Island retreat or the country. They say security guards on the island are only there for his protection.

The Shah's spokesman have also denied all reports that he was not free to travel.

However, the government sent Iran a cable defining the country's extradition law. Under the law, Iran has 60 days beginning Jan. 23 to file its case. The deadline would be March 22.

The Shah has been living on Contadora, a small resort island 36 miles off the Panama Pacific coast, at the house of a former Panamanian diplomat.

Reports from the island say he looks healthier than on his arrival Dec. 15 and has been playing tennis with Empress Farah, walking his two dogs and dining occasionally at the island hotel's restaurant.

The governor of Iran's central bank says that the unfreezing of six billion dollars in Iranian assets in American banks is one of the conditions in any plan to free the hostages.

Iranian gold and dollar deposits in U.S. banks and their branches abroad were ordered frozen Nov. 14 after Abdolhassan Bani-Sadr, then foreign minister and now the country's president said Iran would be justified in withdrawing its funds from U.S. banks.

In reporting Governor Ali Reza Nahari's comments, the *Washington Post* said one difficulty in resuming economic relations with Iran were allegations by Iranian authorities that U.S. banks, particularly Chase Manhattan and its former chairman, David Rockefeller, were close to the Shah.

Tito in coma; aides predict death near

BELGRADE, Feb. 15 (Agencies) — President Josip Broz Tito clung to life Friday but official Yugoslav sources said there was virtually no hope that he would survive.

The 87-year-old Communist leader has drifted into a coma, and it is now apparently only a matter of time before he dies, the officials told Western journalists.

A mid-day bulletin from his doctors at Ljubljana, northern Yugoslavia, said his overall condition had improved since Thursday, and intensive efforts were underway "with the objective of maintaining and stabilizing this tendency."

Official sources said the president, gravely ill after his left leg was amputated nearly four weeks ago, had gone into a coma. But this was not mentioned in the medical bulletin.

The team of eight doctors treating Tito at Ljubljana, northern Yugoslavia, said: "A certain improvement in the overall condition of health of President of the Republic Josip Broz Tito, which occurred in the afternoon hours of Feb. 14, is continuing."

"Intensive medical measures are being undertaken with the objective of maintaining and stabilizing this tendency."

Official sources said earlier that the Yugoslav leader was sinking and there was practically no hope of saving him.

The sources said it was not yet known when the next medical bulletin would be issued.

The bulletin came on the 35th day of Tito's hospitalization, a hospital stay originally caused by circulation problems in his left leg.

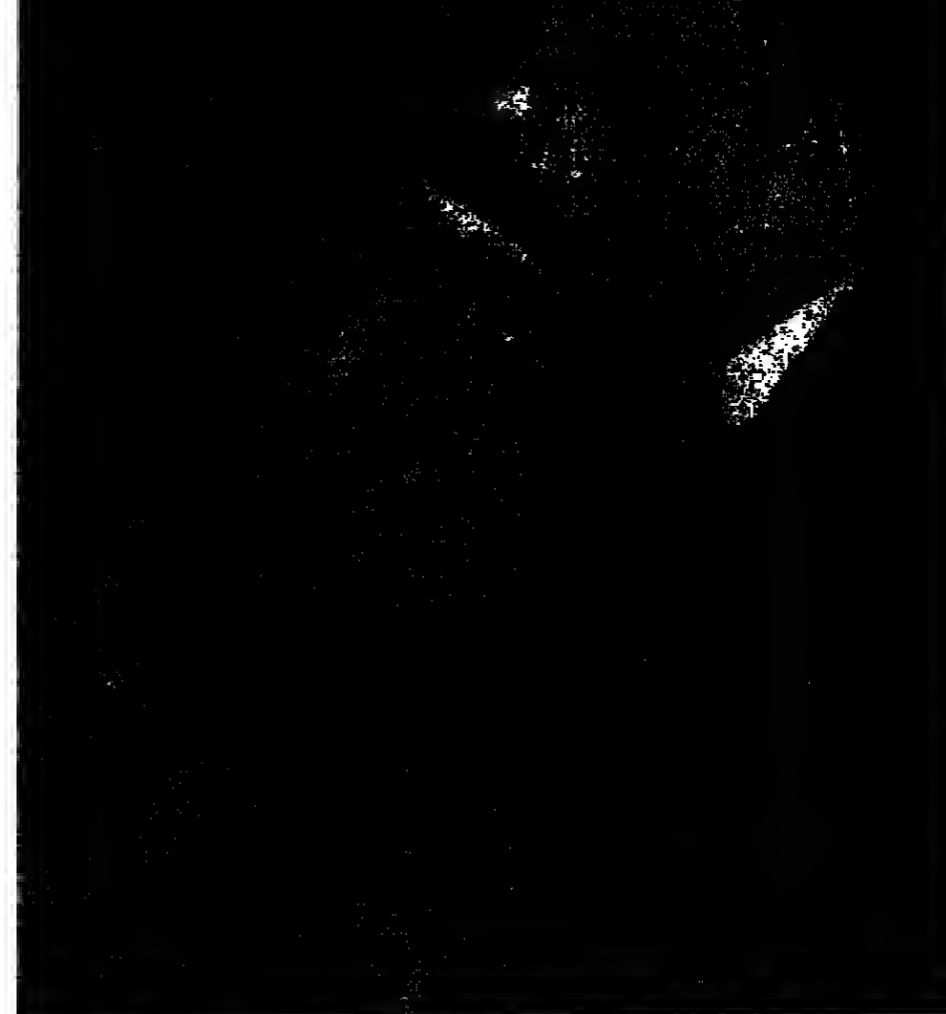
His leg was removed Jan. 20 at the Ljubljana Clinical Center, one of Communist East Europe's best hospitals.

Despite an encouraging recovery, he developed heart and kidney complications late last week and his doctors had said Thursday his condition was critical.

Subdued music was played on Belgrade radio Friday, while officials continued preparations for Tito's possible death.

Belgrade's influential newspaper *Politika* gave front-page display to American President Jimmy Carter's promise to consider "any kind of aid" Communist Yugoslavia requested.

The pledge, made in a white House news conference, had not been mentioned in a national news agency account as late as Thursday night.



Iranian Foreign Minister Sadeq Ghotbzadeh addressing a news conference in Athens this week.

'Will accept any decision...' Carter gets USOC vote

LAKEPLACID, New York, Feb. 15 (AP) — The U.S. Olympic Committee has said it will "accept any decision...the president makes" on not sending an American team to the Olympics in Moscow this summer.

And the European Parliament on Friday called for a boycott of the Moscow Olympics and for an immediate embargo on sales of surplus commodities to the Soviet Union. It also condemned the forced exile of Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov.

President Jimmy Carter, repeatedly and as recently as Wednesday night, has urged the USOC to refrain from sending a team to the Moscow games if the Russians do not withdraw troops from Afghanistan by next Wednesday.

"The USOC will accept any decision concerning our participation in the games the president makes in view of his analysis of what is best for the country," the USOC said Thursday, in a prepared statement distributed to newsmen.

Robert Kane, president of the USOC said the decision must legally be made by the USOC house of delegates at its meeting at Colorado Springs, Colorado, April 11 to 13.

Kane agreed the USOC was under pressure from the White House, but argued the president's latest statement was open to interpretation.

"The deadline of Feb. 20 was given to the Soviet Union, not to the USOC," Kane said. It was the USOC's first official statement since the International Olympic Committee this week rejected a plea from Carter and confirmed that the games would go on in Moscow.

In three resolutions that passed easily at a Strasbourg session despite socialist opposition, the European Parliament also urged that the Olympic games be held on "altered international territory." It also called for the nine governments of the Common Market countries not to take part in the summer games if they are held in Moscow.

A resolution supporting the Moscow games, put forth by the French Communists, was easily defeated.

Kane said the USOC had two responsibilities — to the country and to the athletes who have been training for the games.

He said he still had hopes the political situation might change. He said he had talked to Ignaty Novikov, a member of the Soviet Presidential committee of the Moscow games, and he believed Novikov would try his best to make Moscow an appropriate place for the games.

The afternoon fixing of \$667 per ounce was down from \$74.50 at the morning fixing, and down from \$67.50 at Thursday afternoon's fixing.

In Zurich, the metal was quoted at \$669.50, down from \$685.50.

The London silver price was \$36.75 an ounce, up marginally from \$36.29.

Earlier Thursday, Lord Killanin, president of the IOC, denied published reports that he would visit Moscow to try to convince Soviet officials to withdraw their troops from Afghanistan in accordance with Carter's wishes.

Carter said in a news conference Wednesday night that even if the Soviets withdraw from Afghanistan after his Feb. 20 deadline, he would oppose sending a U.S. team to the Moscow games.

Kane also referred to a statement by the IOC which called on the Moscow organizing committee and the Soviet Olympic Committee to make known to the Soviet government the concern felt in Olympic circles over the events in Afghanistan.

"I can only say they have my prayers — if that is the right term to use in connection with the Kremlin," Kane said.

Kane said the USOC must continue to monitor the situation in order to make the proper decision on the participation of American athletes.

Kane said that under Olympic rules the USOC has until May 24 to tell the Moscow organizing committee whether an American team will compete. He added that if the USOC accepted the invitation and withdrew after that date it would be liable to sanctions by the IOC.

Asked about plans for alternate games if the U.S. team does not go to Moscow, Kane said he was personally opposed to the USOC getting involved with any games set up in competition with the Olympics.

"But we are planning to hold our own national games at Colorado Springs. We are fully entitled to do that," he said.

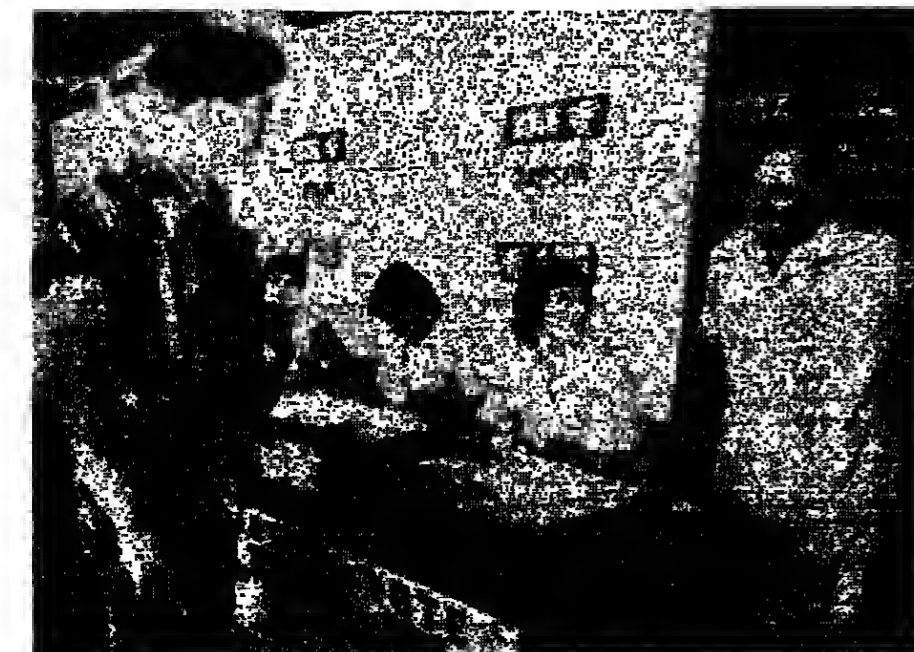
While Kane was making his statement in Lake Placid, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said in London her government will advise British athletes not to go to Moscow in view of the IOC's decision.

In Addis Ababa, meanwhile, a spokesman for the Organization of African Unity said Thursday African countries will decide in the next few days whether to attend the Moscow games.

The Yugoslav news agency Tanjug, reporting from the Ethiopian capital, said no final decision on boycotting the Moscow games had been made.

OAU members are meeting in Addis Ababa and Carter's call for an Olympic boycott is on the agenda.

Last year, the OAU's sports council recommended that all members take part in the Olympics.



WHITES VOTE: British election supervisor Pat Rust observes white voting at a polling station in Mariadellas, Rhodesia. In uniform is Charles Keeling, 19, who is registering to vote before deploying with other Rhodesian forces in a special country-wide election draft. Whites will hold 20 of the 100 seats in the country's first recognized Parliament.

Two dead in Salisbury Church bombings rock city

SALISBURY, Feb. 15 (Agencies) — A Catholic brother found a 10-pound dynamite bomb in the city's Roman Catholic cathedral Friday following a night of bomb blasts around the capital that claimed two lives, police said.

At least one church official blamed the bombings, three of four of them directed at churches, on Patriote Front guerrillas. The guerrillas, especially those of Robert Mugabe's Marxist ZANU, have repeatedly been accused of seeking to destroy religion.

Police Superintendent Brian Rogers said the placing of bombs at three churches "can only make me think it is deliberate campaign against churches." The bomb found Friday was detonated harmlessly.

However, Mugabe, raised as a Catholic has denied his Zimbabwe African National Union was anti-religion.

Police said they found printed political slogans supporting Mugabe in the bag containing the bomb found in the church. But black reporters who saw the slogans said the wording, in the Shona language, was so crudely fashioned it seemed unlikely to be the work of a Shona speaker. Mugabe is a Shona, the dominant tribe in Rhodesia. And most of his party members also are Shona speakers.

The two deaths reported Thursday night occurred in the only bombing not at a church. Two blacks died when an explosion destroyed their car.

The night of bombing injected a new tension into the capital, already hit by a series of violent incidents in the run-up to pre-independence elections in which blacks will vote in less than two weeks.

The latest attacks overshadowed the results of the white poll Thursday in which

Ian Smith's Rhodesian Front party won at least 17 of 20 white seats in the parliament.

While Salisbury authorities cleaned up the debris Friday morning a major mobilization of reservists began. British governor Lord Soames is assembling a huge force of police and military to protect the election.

Streams of civilians arrived in taxis or were driven by their wives to military barracks for a call-up which could put up to 100,000 Rhodesian government forces in the field over the election period.

The call-up came as Britain announced it is sending 500 representatives into Rhodesia to man police stations in rural areas and to help ensure that the elections are "scrupulously fair."

Sir Ian Gilmour, the government's foreign affairs spokesman in the House of Commons, made the announcement in response to several lawmakers' call for an increased British presence in Rhodesia.

"The problem of intimidation of voters in the rural areas ... continues to cause great concern," Gilmour told British lawmakers.

British election supervisors apparently suggested the idea to Soames. Gilmour emphasized that the 500 envoys will "ensure that the arrangements for voting are scrupulously fair."

The spokesman added: "Despite the serious problems which exist, the government is determined to carry the election through to a successful conclusion and to ensure that it is conducted as fairly and freely as possible."

The new personnel will arrive in Salisbury in time for the Feb. 27 balloting, Gilmour said. He made it clear that the 500 representatives will be separate from the British monitoring force already there to keep watch over the ceasefire.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

Name-dropping is a delicate and widely practiced art. Though by no means restricted to journalistic circles, I am willing to bet that journalists (or some of them) are among its most diligent practitioners.

Like the art of make-up for the ladies (and, alas, an increasing number of men — the times being now what they are) the essence is concealment — that nothing should appear intrusive, that it all must look natural.

The name-dropper — if he is an artist and not merely a vulgar exhibitionist — has two possible plays. The famous names are either dropped into the conversation as if inadvertently, with the dropper then assuming a slightly startled expression, as though he had unintentionally and perhaps not too modestly revealed how familiar with the great he is.

Or he may talk as though meeting daily with the great is the most natural thing in the world, and that to find this rather startling only shows how provincial, how far from "where it is at" you really are.

If the first man wins your heart by how modest he is, though so obviously in the know, the second places you in a dilemma: You are either flattered by his assumption of your familiarity with such exalted circles, or shamed by your all too obvious ignorance.

Judging from personal experience, success in the art is not dependent on status attained. Yours truly has served his stint in the press on many levels and in many places, but, despite repeated attempts to hold my own in name dropping contexts, was soundly trounced on many occasions by my juniors.

Try as I might, I could never sound convincing when I say, "Oh, I keep telling Sheikh So-and-So that the present line will have to be changed 'or' Cyrus (or, 'Cy' if you were feeling reckless) just managed to catch me as he passed through London." Somehow, people tend either to stare glassy eyed or change the subject.

The other day, a journalist friend was sounding off about his friends in artistic circles. He went on and on about breakfasting with the great Umm Kulthum and dining with Fairuz. ("So kind of her to accept my advice on her latest album ... such modesty.") When he finished, he looked at me challengingly, as though to say, "Your turn now."

Try as I might, I could not think of a single famous name. Finally, with my reputation, I felt, at stake, I squeaked desperately, "I don't know many artists, but Patty Boulay said hello to me recently."

"Who?" he said, rather nastily. "Patty Boulay," I said defiantly. "Very famous pop singer now." "Oh," he said. "Why did she say hello? A friend of yours?" "No," I said. "I was dining at that hotel the other evening. She was there singing. Afterwards she passed by our table and said hello." "Oh," he said ...

Translated from Ashraf Al Awad

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Israeli

In Kuwait Palestinian commando leader Yasser Arafat also charged Friday Israel is planning to attack Syria through South Lebanon and that this was the reason for the Syrian decision to withdraw its troops from Beirut.

"The Syrian-Soviet relations rule out a direct Israeli attack on Syria through the (Syrian) Golan Heights," Arafat said in an interview with Kuwait's *al-Wakeel*.

"By exploding the situation in Lebanon, Israel aims at provoking Syria into battle on Lebanese territory, to avoid international embarrassment," he added.

Israel's plan was to launch an attack via the Arkoub region and the Beqaa Valley of Lebanon, and then swing east toward Damascus and Homs in a pincer move, Arafat said.

Lebanon

citation was behind his jolting decision to withdraw his Beirut peacekeeping contingent.

Assad has agreed to delay the withdrawal on condition that the Lebanese government would undertake a quick initiative to set the nation on a reconciliation course, the officials added.

Meanwhile, most Lebanese papers said Thursday that supporters of former President Suleiman Franjeh were responsible for kidnapping a Falangist Member of Parliament Wednesday in a Beirut suburb.

The abduction of Edmond Rizk, a former cabinet minister and a member of the Falangist Party Politburo, raised fears that fighting between the rival Christian factions could spread to the capital.

Franjeh was said to be holding 26 phalangist prisoners and the Phalange were detaining six Zghartans, since last October.

Rizk, however, surfaced Thursday at Franjeh's residence at Zgharta, 60 miles north of Beirut, the Phalange party announced.